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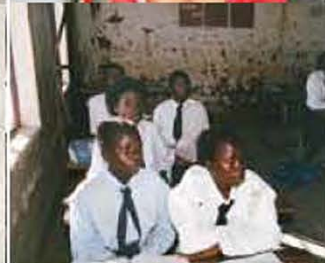
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What would it be like to ride a bicycle 3,600 miles across the United States, from Washington state to Washington, D.C., and to help build houses for the needy along the way? We know, thanks to the first-hand account of a Bridgewater senior who did it. (Story by Martha Joslyn '12)



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It all began at midnight in a small African village, with a single question: "What are you reading?" How a Bridgewater professor conquered time, space and austere economic times to help build a library in his native Zambia. (Story by Karen Doss Bowman '91)



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When Japan attacked the United States 70 years ago this December, Lowell A. Miller '40, registered as a conscientious objector. But five months later he entered the armed forces as a combat engineer and would participate in some of WWII's heaviest fighting. Miller's struggle to reconcile the tenets of his church with the needs of his country – and how he went from C.O. to decorated combat veteran – are remembered. (Story by Charles Culbertson)



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Moving in on a Milestone

Athletic director and men's baseball coach Curt Kendall '81, is dosing in on 600 career wins. The road that took him from a Bridgewater summer camper to award- and championship-winning BC coach is explored in this edition of Coaches' Corner. (Story by Mark Griffin '88)

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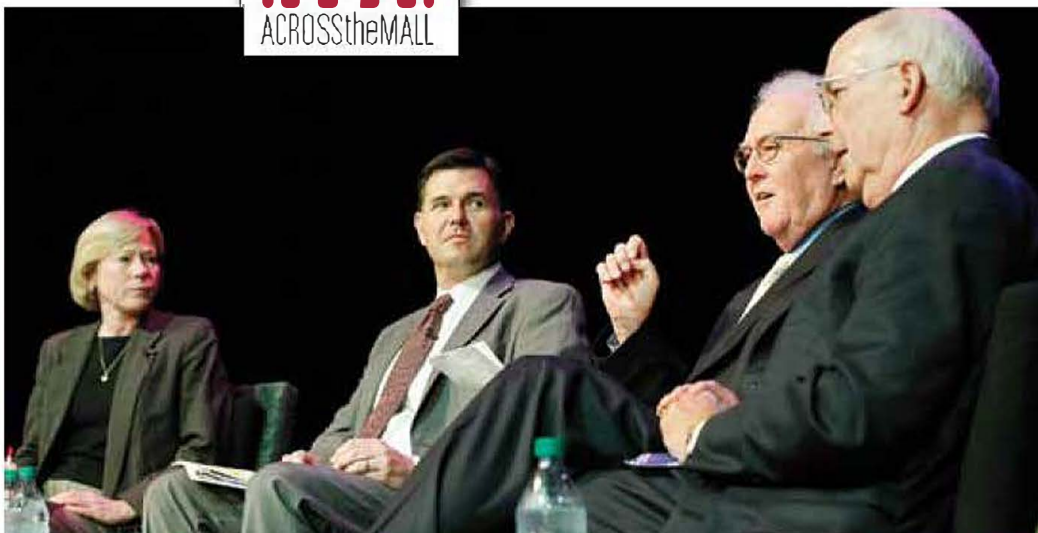
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Moderator George Pace; panelists Christine Chmura, Dennis Gephardt, David Breneman and J. Alfred Broadbuss; a packed Cole Hall; students attending the summit.

Photos by Tommy Thompson

Economic Summit at BC Explored Future of U.S. Economy and Education

Troubling economic times and what they mean to Americans was the focus of a summit and public forum Sept. 20 in Cole Hall.

"An Uncertain Economy: What it Means for the Country, Colleges and You," featured noted educators and economists presenting their views on employment, inflation, taxes, the national debt, the future of higher education and more. Questions from the audience, which filled Cole Hall, were taken.

The summit and public forum delved into the country's economic future and, in particular, addressed the impact of the economy on families and colleges and universities. Issues examined included the impact on family income and wealth; projected inflation rates; the impact of national, state and local governmental debt and unfunded future obligations; the impact of high household debt and lower home equity values; and access and affordability concerns surrounding higher education.

The summit's panelists were **David W. Breneman**, the Newton and Rita Meyers Professor in Economics of Education at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education; **J. Alfred Broadbuss Jr.**, a former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and current member of the Economic Advisory Panel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; **Christine Chmura**, president and chief

economist for Chmura Economics & Analytics; and **Dennis Gephardt**, vice president of higher ed/not-for-profit ratings at Moody's Investors Service.

The summit's moderator was **George Pace**, a business consultant and former president and chief executive officer of Rocco Inc.

Broadbuss told the students in the audience that despite tough times, they shouldn't feel powerless about the economy.

"Maybe it's time for people to realize that government and the Fed can't solve everything," Broadbuss said. "Have some confidence that the economy can heal itself."

He added, however, that the economy will remain sluggish until the mess created by homeowners defaulting on millions of dollars of federally backed loans is cleaned up.

In terms of education, Chmura – who is also a financial columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* – opined that higher ed is still worth investing in, but that not all degrees or occupations are on the same level. As an example, she pointed to a glut of marketing majors but a growing need for registered nurses in Virginia.

"You really need to know your options," Chmura said. "Is the occupation that you're going into in demand? Is it in demand in your region?" – CC

"Doc" Hits a Hundred

Harry G.M. "Doc" Jopson – the former Bridgewater professor and track coach whose name is most often linked with the word "legendary" – hit the one century mark this summer. On June 23, many of his friends and former students and colleagues gathered at the Bridgewater Retirement Community to celebrate his 100th and to reminisce about his legacy at Bridgewater College.

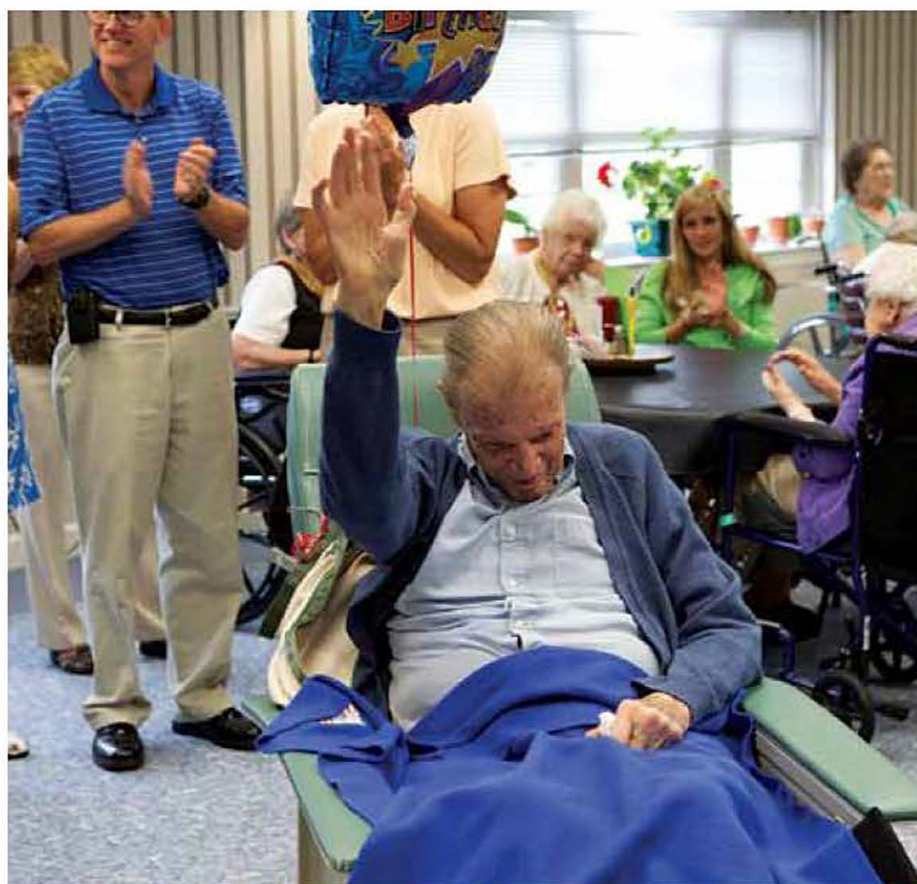
Jopson came to Bridgewater in 1936 to head up its biology department. While he was at it, he reinvigorated the college's defunct track program and transformed it into a championship-winning juggernaut.

If that weren't enough, he founded the cross country program. By the time he retired from Bridgewater in 1981, his runners had chalked up two dozen undefeated track seasons and dozens of conference championships.

But "Doc" was also known as one of the college's best and most demanding biology professors. To this day, tales abound from his former students about the high academic-achievement

bar he set and how they worked to measure up to his expectations.

The birthday bash also celebrated the establishment of the Jopson Track Endowed Fund, which now contains more than \$35,000. – CC



LEFT: Jeff Heppard '74 and Craig Waters '79, founders of the Jopson Track Endowed Fund, talk with "Doc."
ABOVE: Carlyle Whitelow '59 greets his mentor

Photos by Tommy Thompson

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE JOPSON TRACK ENDOWED FUND

Bridgewater wants to continue to benefit future generations of Eagles with the Jopson Track Endowed Fund. If you'd like to do your part with a donation, please contact the BC office of institutional advancement at 540-828-5455, or go to the following webpage and fill out the donation form:

bridgewater.edu/onlinegiving

Type "Jopson Track Endowed Fund" in the "other designation" box.



TEACHER ED PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL "MODEL" RANKING

Bridgewater College's teacher education program is now ranked as a "model"



program by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ).

Of three Virginia colleges evaluated by the NCTQ, Bridge-

water was the only one that received a positive ranking.

Bridgewater College was hailed by the NCTQ "for being part of a consortium of universities that jointly set high standards and provide training for cooperating teachers, and also for placing almost a third of its student teachers in schools that are both high-need and high-performing."

In all, the NCTQ randomly reviewed 134 higher education institutions offering an undergraduate student-teaching program to elementary teacher candidates. Teacher preparation programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia were inspected.

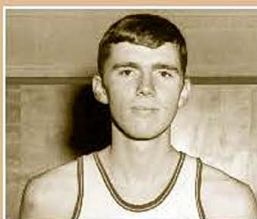
The NCTQ examined supporting documents from each college and university, as well as contracts the institutions had made with school districts. Local school principals were surveyed and five site visits were made to interview student teachers, supervisors, cooperating teachers and field-placement coordinators.

Kate Walsh, president of NCTQ, said the focus of the evaluations was more on the student teacher experience than course content. She said the in-classroom training portion of teacher education – in which

students training to be teachers receive "real world," practical experience – is critical.

Dr. David E. Coffman, a professor of education, director of teacher education and chair of the education department at Bridgewater, noted that this was the first time the college had been evaluated by the NCTQ. The process, he said, took about two years to complete.

"Our top rating in this review shows that Bridgewater College is committed to producing quality teachers who are ready to go into the workplace," Coffman said. "It also validates the fact that we have the procedures in place to allow us to reach our goal of turning out successful, qualified and caring teachers." – CC



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Leatherman, Ronnie Howard '94, Joe Browder '66 and Patti Ann Riffle '75.

Office of Sports Information

FOUR NAMED TO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Three stellar former Bridgewater College athletes and a former coach were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 14, in the Kline Campus Center, as part of Homecoming activities. The inductees were also recognized the following day at half-time of the Eagles' Homecoming football game against the Guilford College Quakers.

The inductees for 2011 are former men's Eagles basketball coach **Bill Leatherman** of High Point, N.C.; **Ronnie Howard** '94, of Broadway, Va.; **Joe Browder** '66, of Kernersville, N.C.; and **Patti Ann Riffle** '75, of Lewes, Del.

Leatherman was hired as Bridgewater's head basketball coach in 1985 and turned the Eagles' program into one of the most respected in the region. Leatherman, who led the Eagles to the 1987-88 ODAC Championship – the college's first-ever NCAA appearance in any sport – finished his career following the 2007-08 season with a 335-262 record – the most wins for a men's basketball coach in Bridgewater College history.

Leatherman was named the ODAC Coach of the Year four times (1987, 1989, 1996, 2005) and South Region Coach four times (1987, 1988, 1996, 2005). Following the 2005-06 season, Leatherman received the Guardians Award for Advocacy by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). The honor is one of the top awards in the college coaching profession.

Howard finished his playing career as one of the most productive players in the college's football history. He was named to the All-ODAC first team

in 1991 and then capped his career with a record-breaking campaign as a senior in 1993. As a senior, Howard rushed for 1,610 yards to rank No. 4 in the nation. He was named to the All-ODAC first team and was recognized as the conference Player of the Year. He also received recognition on two All-American teams following the 1993 season.

Browder was one of the most prolific basketball scorers and rebounders in program history. After transferring to Bridgewater in 1962, Browder became a fixture in the Eagles' lineup, starting 80 consecutive games. He was named to the Virginia State College Division team three times and was the Eagles' co-captain during his junior and senior seasons.

Browder finished his career with 1,381 points, averaging 17.3 points per game. Upon his graduation, he was ranked No. 3 in scoring all-time at Bridgewater and still ranks in the Top 15. He grabbed 582 rebounds to rank No. 1 on the all-time BC charts at the time of his graduation.

Patti Ann Riffle was a three-sport standout while a student-athlete at Bridgewater College. She played basketball, field hockey and tennis during each of her four years, earning a total of 12 letters during her career.

She was a team leader in all sports and served as captain of the basketball team and field hockey squad during her senior year.

Riffle averaged 9.5 points per game, finishing her basketball career with 703 points. She averaged 2.1 steals per game during her career to rank No. 9 on the all-time Bridgewater leaders' list. During her four years on the basketball team, the Eagles compiled a 48-26 win-loss record. – SC



Photo by Jason Jones

DuPont Grant Helps BC Conduct Comprehensive Energy Audit

A comprehensive energy audit funded in part by a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund will further Bridgewater College's ongoing mission to achieve environmental sustainability.

The audit will evaluate energy and utility consumption in every structure on campus and prioritize energy uses. Armed with a comprehensive picture of energy consumption, Bridgewater will implement systems to conserve usage, save natural resources and educate students about energy conservation.

The audit will identify the highest priority campus buildings for utility submetering, which is important for benchmarking energy use and measuring the results of utility conservation initiatives. Grant funds will also be used to procure and install meters in 13 major buildings.

Of the project's \$225,000 cost, the duPont Fund provided \$150,000. Money from the fund is available only to institutions and organizations that received support from Jesse Ball duPont during the years 1960-64. Bridgewater College is one of only 65 colleges and universities eligible for grants from the fund.

Teshome Molalenge '87, executive director of facility support and auxiliary services, noted that the energy audit is vital to Bridgewater's thrust toward conservation and sustainability. He said that while construction of the LEED Silver-registered Stone Village student residences and the energy-efficient renovation of the Wright-Heritage buildings underscore Bridgewater's

commitment to energy optimization, they were only a first step.

He said that 80 percent of the college's buildings are at least 50 years old, with 13 percent exceeding the 100-year mark. Thirteen buildings – 25 percent of the structures at Bridgewater – account for a combined total of 65 percent of campus energy use. Molalenge said that by monitoring through the use of sub-meters, the college can account for energy use on a time-of-day basis, identify performance problems, guide preventive maintenance, verify energy savings and prioritize energy projects.

"This audit will provide us both short- and long-term strategies to lessen energy consumption, reduce the college's carbon footprint, identify energy efficiency measures and provide the energy component for future master planning," said Molalenge. "We will realize benefits in many ways, including cost savings, the improvement of human comfort and health and, of course, wise stewardship of the environment."

In addition to examining energy consumption by reviewing utility bills and services, auditors will examine buildings and the systems that support them, including heating and cooling, lighting and water. Molalenge said the project is expected to take 18 months to complete – one month to finalize the selection of auditors, four months to complete the audit and develop the energy master plan, seven months to install sub-meters and six months to collect and analyze data and prepare the final report. – CC



PRINCETON REVIEW NAMES BRIDGEWATER ONE OF BEST IN SOUTHEAST

Bridgewater College is one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review.

The New York City-based education services company selected Bridgewater as one of 135 institutions it recommends in its "Best in the Southeast" section on its website feature, *2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region*.

Robert Franek, senior vice president of publishing at The Princeton Review, commended Bridgewater and all the schools named as 'regional best' colleges.

"We selected them based on the institutional data we collected from several hundred schools in each region, our visits to schools over the years and the opinions of independent and high-school-based college advisers whose recommendations we invite," he said.

Franek said The Princeton Review also takes into account what each school's students report about their campus experiences. Students at Bridgewater were surveyed on a range of issues.

According to the Review, students say of BC, "There are active organizations for minorities and foreign students and they are a vital part of campus life. It is not unusual in the dining hall to see a Caucasian, an African American, a Peruvian and a Palestinian all eating together and having a great time."

The Princeton Review, which operates in 41 states and 22 countries, is a standardized test preparation and admissions consulting company. It is not affiliated with Princeton University or the Educational Testing Service.

The 135 colleges The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Southeast" designation are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. – MKH



▲ Stone Village ► Stone family and friends; Rep. Bob Goodlatte, Phillip C. Stone and BC President George Cornelius; Stone Village; Phillip C. Stone at the podium.

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STONE VILLAGE DEDICATED

More than 200 Bridgewater faculty, staff, students and local residents celebrated the completion Aug. 9 of Stone Village – Bridgewater College’s new environmentally sustainable student residences.

Stone Village, which is located at East College and College View streets, is registered as a potential Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver project. The five residences adhere to an internationally recognized green building certification system and represent significant energy savings, water efficiency and improved indoor environmental quality.

Funding for the project was provided through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan.

Bridgewater College President **George Cornelius**, Bridgewater College President Emeritus **Phillip C. Stone** – for whom the buildings were named – United States Department of Agriculture Undersecretary

Doug O’Brien, Rep. **Bob Goodlatte** (R-6th) and **Katelyn Stackpole** ’11, a former Stone Village resident, spoke.

Completed in May after 18 months of construction, the five houses of Stone Village are grouped with the pre-existing Strickler Apartments to form a village-style community for 87 students. Built in 2010-2011 and resembling late Victorian residential architecture, the four larger units contain 5,000 square feet and house 16 students each.

The smaller unit, also built in 2011, contains 3,000 square feet and houses eight students. The Strickler building contains 3,000 feet and houses 15 students.

Anne B. Keeler, vice president for finance and treasurer at Bridgewater, said that Stone Village will help accommodate what the college anticipates as a growth in resident students over the next few years.

Stone, who retired in 2010 after 16 years

at the Bridgewater College helm, spoke in terms of community and what it means to the college.

“Community is not defined by geographical location, or just working or living there,” he said. “Community is defined by friendship, self respect and respect for others...nurturing, supporting, encouraging...being polite, civil, kind, and recognizing the gifts of each member of the community, and making sure that people are affirmed in those gifts.

“Because I know the value system here,” he continued, “because I know of that sense of mutual respect and friendship and affection for each other, it is with particular pleasure that I see my name associated with the concept of a village. It is another reminder that Bridgewater College is and always will be community.” – CC

NEW PRINTING SYSTEM SAVES PAPER, PROTECTS ENVIRONMENT

In its ongoing mission to make the college environmentally responsible and sustainable, Bridgewater has instituted a campus-wide printing system that eliminates laser printers from labs and classrooms and replaces them with 15 printing kiosks located throughout the campus. The new printing system is expected to reduce printing and paper use by 30 percent.

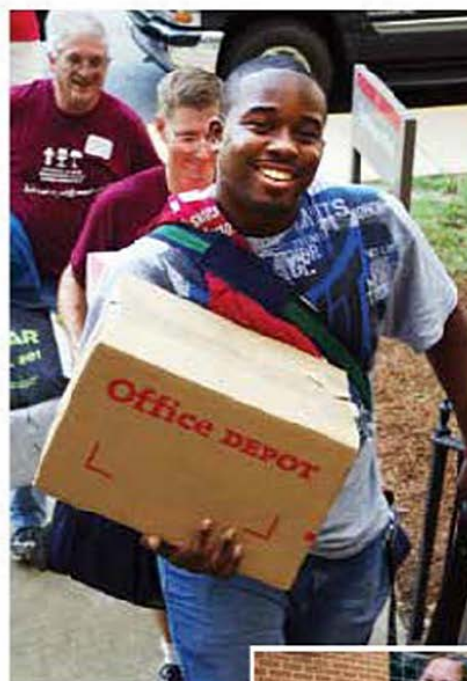
Also, the paper used in the kiosks contains 50 percent recycled materials.

Students are able to wirelessly send documents to the kiosks for printing from anywhere on campus or print documents from a USB at any kiosk. Since the college doesn't use printing to generate revenue, only a small fee is charged per printed document with the system – about eight cents for black and white and 45 cents for color. Students' printing accounts will be preloaded each semester with a stipend of \$5.

"The college has undertaken this initiative to enhance its sustainability efforts," said Terry Houff, chief information officer and director of Bridgewater's Center for Information Technology. "People tend to print a lot of material without thinking twice about whether it is necessary. The new system will challenge everyone to consider what can be used electronically rather than in paper form."

The system itself is called WEPA, which stands for "Wireless Everywhere, Print Anywhere." The brainchild of New Jersey-based Heartland Payment Systems, WEPA is designed to eliminate an institution's dependence on equipment purchases and leases, hardware and software licenses and maintenance and server integration fees, all the while offering students enhanced convenience and cutting-edge printing technology.

Houff noted that the WEPA method is more economical per page than printing from a personal inkjet printer and that all WEPA kiosks print in vibrant, high-definition color. – CC



BC students moved into their dorms on Sept. 2 with the help of college alumni, faculty and staff, who helped carry bags, boxes, furniture, appliances and anything else that needed to be hauled into the dorms. This ongoing tradition at BC, known as the Eagles We-Haul "Move-In Day," is the creation of the BC Alumni Association and was carried out in conjunction with the BC office of alumni relations.

Photos by Charles Culbertson



BRIDGEWATER BECOMES THE WRITE PLACE

Just ask any teacher: There's more to writing than simply putting words on paper and pushing them around until they make sense, and more to teaching students how to write than coming up with a one-size-fits-all formula and squeezing everyone into it.

Bringing out the best writing in teachers and giving them the skills to teach their students more powerful writing is the goal of the Shenandoah Valley Writing Academy@ Bridgewater College (SVWA@BC).

The academy, which culminates four years of planning, is a collaborative venture with the education and English departments at Bridgewater College and the school division of Rockingham, Augusta

and Bath counties, and Harrisonburg. Eighteen teachers participated in this summer's pilot academy, with the full program's launch planned for the summer of 2012.

According to Mark Hogan, a professor of education at Bridgewater and executive director of the two-week academy, which was held June 20-July 1, participants honed their own writing proficiencies and learned to turn their classrooms into "communities of writing."

"Today's student continues to struggle with writing," Hogan said. "Despite the efforts of many effective teachers, most students do not see themselves as writers. In fact, many teachers do not see themselves as

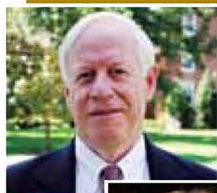
writers. Participants in the SVWA@BC explored strategies to enhance writing – both their own and that of their students."

Hogan went on to note that funding for the academy was made possible by Bridgewater College trustee Barbara B. Stoltzfus and her husband, Karl Stoltzfus of Mount Crawford, Va.

"In an era where the National Writing Project has seen its funding cut and the closing down of many writing projects, Bridgewater College is stepping up and saying, 'We're in this together with area school divisions and together we can help teachers improve the writing of their students.'" – CC

New staff

fill key
Bridgewater
positions



FROM TOP: Bruce Smith Jr., Lisa Hauck, Tarah Miller, Martin Perry, Gerard "Jerry" Schurink, Ryan Bennison, William "Mic" Grant

Bruce D. Smith Jr., of West Chester, Pa., has joined the college as vice president of institutional advancement.

"I am immensely excited to again be part of a vibrant and committed academic environment," Smith said. "Fostering increased engagement in the life of the institution on the part of alumni, board members, parents and friends of Bridgewater is essential to the college's ability to provide strong academic programs and to enhance the breadth and depth of experiences available to the students."

Smith, a native of Swarthmore, Pa., is a lifelong educator, businessman and fund-raising professional.

Lisa Hauck of Fargo, N.D., is Bridgewater's first director of international education. Hauck will provide vision, leadership and direction to enhance and expand Bridgewater's international education initiatives. Directing the Center for International Education, she will develop study abroad opportunities, provide support to faculty and administrators in enhancing internationalization on campus and provide assistance to international students on campus.

Hauck was most recently the director of international programs at North Dakota State University in Fargo, where she is a Ph.D. candidate.

Tarah Miller is the college's first head coach for women's golf, a program that will begin play in the fall of 2012.

Miller is an apprentice in the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and will receive full membership in the Association in November. She is also a certified member of the United States Golf Teachers Federation (USGTF).

"Women's golf is a sport that is just beginning to grow in Division III so we are getting in at the ground level. Sarah will be able to recruit and develop young players as we move the program forward," said BC athletic director **Curt Kendall**.

Martin Perry, three-time NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year, has been named the new head coach of the men's and women's tennis programs. Perry has spent the last eight-plus years as the head men's and women's coach at The University of Chicago.

"A chance to come back to my home state of

Virginia and join the Bridgewater community is a wonderful situation for me," said Perry. "I'm looking forward to building on Coach **Conor Smith's** success and do my best to give our student-athletes the best possible competitive tennis experience."

Gerard "Jerry" Schurink joins Bridgewater as the college's director of riding. Schurink becomes the program's second director of riding, succeeding **Sarah Irvine**, who announced her retirement in February. Irvine led the Bridgewater riding program since its inception in 2000.

Schurink comes to Bridgewater after a long and successful tenure at the University of Massachusetts, where he became the director of riding in 1994. In 1996 he began coaching the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) riding team. From 2002-10, he was also the director of equine studies.

Ryan Bennison is Bridgewater's new head coach of men's soccer. Bennison succeeds **Matt O'Toole**.

"In Ryan we have found the person best suited to meet the high expectations we have for all our academic and extracurricular programs, including our men's soccer program," said President **George Cornelius**. "Ryan has proven himself to be an effective recruiter, an exceptional coach and someone who values and fosters the academic success of his players."

Bennison takes over the Eagles program after serving three years as the top assistant coach at Anderson University, a member of the Division III Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

William "Mic" Grant, formerly head coach of the Marywood University Pacers, is Bridgewater College's first head coach for men's lacrosse.

Grant took the Pacer men's lacrosse team from a new program to a pair of conference title berths in his first five years in Scranton. Grant amassed a 41-24 overall record and 20-6 mark in Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) and Presidents Athletic Conference (PAC) play.

"The process of building a program from the ground up is something I look forward to, and the level of commitment shown by Bridgewater College to its teams and the support the athletes receive academically were a huge draw," Grant said. — CC

Bridgewater College Welcomes 11 New Faculty Members

Bridgewater College welcomed 11 new faculty members for the 2011-12 academic year. The faculty members joined the departments of biology, business administration, education, family and consumer sciences, foreign languages, history, music, psychology and sociology.

Biology

Eric M. Yoshizuka, lab coordinator and instructor. B.S., University of California-Davis; M.S. University of Virginia.

Business Administration

Maria V. Lugo, assistant professor. B.A., Sacred Heart University; M.B.A. Universidad Metropolitana, both in Puerto Rico; Ph.D., Walden University in Minneapolis.

Education

Rebecca Stevens, associate professor. B.A., Keene State College;

Ph.D., Syracuse University
Karen Santos Rogers, visiting assistant professor. B.A. and M.A., Virginia Tech; Ph.D., University of Virginia.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Anne Dillard Elkins, visiting assistant professor. B.S., Ph.D., Virginia Tech.

Foreign Languages

Victor R. Oliver, instructor of Spanish. B.S., Universidad Jose Maria Vargas in Caracas, Venezuela; M.S., Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas; master's, Salamanca University in Salamanca, Spain.

History

M. Houston Johnson V. visiting assistant professor. B.A., Roanoke College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Clifford D. Harmon, instructor. B.A., Auburn University; M.A., University of New Orleans; Ph.D., University of Virginia.

Music

Christine Carrillo, visiting assistant professor of music, director of instrumental music. B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; M.M., D.M.A., University of Texas at Austin.

Psychology

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Sociology

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» CLASS OF 2010 DONATES DISC GOLF COURSE

Teed off at your golf performance? If so, say bye-bye to the traditional birdie and come on down to Bridgewater College for nine baskets of disc (Frisbee) golf.

The disc golf course was installed this summer as a gift of the class of 2010. The first basket (or hole) of the course is in the college's intramural field on the north side of Dinkel Avenue at

Wakeman Hall. The course progresses west for about three-tenths of a mile and then loops back to the east, eventually ending at the ninth hole behind the Wampler Towers student apartments.

Class president **Zack Guida** of Bristol, R.I., said the idea to create a disc golf course at the college grew out of a pastime in which he and other students would throw Frisbees at random objects, which substituted for baskets.

"Picking out the class gift was something I struggled with for a while," Guida said. "I brainstormed ideas with classmates and faculty but none of them jumped out at me. Having a particularly active and athletic class, I really wanted it to be sports-related, but picking something that would last long term proved difficult."

Guida said he and 2010 student body president **Drew Kirkner** of Dublin, Va., recalled their days tossing Frisbees on a makeshift course, and thought a real disc golf course would be "the best class gift in the history of Bridgewater College."

The class of 2010 supported the idea with donations, and Bridgewater College faculty and staff helped push the project through the administrative process with the town of Bridgewater. Guida noted that the course is open to the public as well as the campus community.

"I think this is the perfect gift for the college because, when I asked myself what I loved most about Bridgewater, the answer was: campus involvement, community relationships and the high quality of life on campus," Guida said. "The disc golf course enhances each of these principles. It's perfect." — CC



Bridgewater College employee Stephen Hockman enjoys a little Frisbee golf on his lunch break.

Photo by Charles Culbertson



WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM TOPS NATIONAL GPA RANKINGS

THE BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM EARNED ALL-ACADEMIC STATUS FROM THE U.S. TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION (USTFCCCA) WITH THE TOP GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN DIVISION III.

THE WOMEN'S TEAM POSTED A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 3.63, THE BEST AVERAGE AMONG THE 111 DIVISION III COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RECOGNIZED BY THE USTFCCCA ON THE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM LIST.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, TEAMS NEEDED A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 3.1 OR HIGHER. —TL



Freshman Class Begins 'Bridgewater Experience'

The admissions office reports that it is "very excited" about the freshman class that began its studies at Bridgewater College this fall.

"This year we received 6,500 total applications and 3,200 students were admitted," said Jarret L. Smith '03, director of admissions. "The class of 2015 includes 479 freshmen and 41 transfer students, for a total of 520 new students."

Smith said the members of the class come from 20 states: 393 from Virginia, 57 from Maryland, 18 from Pennsylvania and 14 from North Carolina. They have a mean grade point average of 3.4, SAT score of 1030 and ACT of 22.

"As we seek to broaden the geographic base of the student body this fall, the admissions staff will travel throughout several states including Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia," Smith noted. "If you know of a prospective student who would be great for Bridgewater, we want to hear from you."

Smith asks people who know of prospective students to visit bridgewater.edu/SuggestStudentMag and fill out the form for the admissions office. — MG



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Photo by Tommy Thompson

BC Digitizes Early Brethren Periodicals for Internet

The first five volumes of a 19th century publication detailing the work of the Church of the Brethren have been digitized and made available for free viewing on the Internet by Bridgewater College and the Brethren Digital Archives Project.

The mission of the project is to digitize Church of the Brethren periodicals produced from 1851 to 2000 by each of the Brethren bodies who trace their origin to the baptism near Schwarzenau, Germany in 1708.

The publication, *The Brethren at Work*, is one of several titles from Bridgewater College Special Collections that have

been lent to the Brethren Digital Archives Project. The periodical was published from 1875-1883 and served as a weekly magazine describing doctrinal policy and practice within the church.

The volumes have been posted, and may be viewed, at archive.org/details/bridgewatercollege.

According to Andrew Pearson, director of Bridgewater College's Alexander Mack Memorial Library, the digital Internet format allows easy access and searchability by researchers and scholars, who have the extended flexibility of magnification in a one- or two-page view, along with the

option of having the text read aloud while highlighting the location of the text that is being read.

"When historical texts go digital and are completely accessible over the Internet, the barrier between us and previous generations is lifted," Pearson said. "We can now enjoy their conversations, giving new life to a forgotten past."

Pearson said additional titles to follow include *The Inglenook*, *The Gospel Visitor*, *The Monthly Gospel-Visitor* and the *Missionary Visitor*. — CC



Photo by Charles Culbertson

THE WRITE STUFF:

BC Student Makes A Name for Himself as A Blog Author, Cruise Ship Connoisseur

By Emily Sharrer
Daily News-Record

After going on a cruise with his mom when he was 11 years old, **Nahshon Ford**, a Bridgewater College sophomore, has not been able to stop sailing the high seas.

"Ever since I got off that ship, I was hooked," said Ford, 19, who has since gone on 22 cruises and made a name for himself in the world of cruise blogging.

Over the past year, Ford has detailed his adventures on cruise ships on a blog called "The Ocean Escape."

Since being launched in June 2010, the site has had more than 10,600 visitors and gotten Ford interviews with ship captains and crew members, special tours and top-of-the-line service on such leading liners as Disney Wonder and Carnival Cruise Lines.

"The cruise lines are very instrumental in making sure I'm comfortable," said Ford, who says he's been recognized by his readers on cruises. "I just naturally garner these special privileges because of my contributions over the years to the different cruise lines."

The Blog

Ford — known to his readers as Cruise Man 3000 — gives firsthand accounts of his trips, reviews cruise lines and gives general information and tips about cruising. He also publicizes his ocean adventures via social media sites Twitter and Facebook, answering questions for new cruisers using his own lingo, such as "cruisemazing" and "cruisetacular."

Ford has 261 "likes" on Facebook, more than 8,000 views on YouTube, more than 900 Twitter followers and runs a blog radio site.

"The Ocean Escape, it's just been a dream. Something I long to do is share my passion with the masses," said Ford, who wants to become a cruise director.

Good for Degree

A communication major at Bridgewater, Ford says getting his hands into all aspects of social media has also been beneficial for his coursework.

"It's just a reinforcement of what I'm already doing," he said about his classes. "I've been able to interact with so many people, different cruise lines, travel agencies, I'm getting that communication aspect of it. In class, I can make a reference to something that I'm doing or have done."

Up next for Ford is a book about cruising, which he says will be the book version of his blog.

"It's pretty much a synopsis of my experiences, cruise line reviews and breaking down the cruise line industry," said Ford, whose ultimate goal is to turn others on to cruising and be a positive source of information. "It can be pretty overwhelming when there are so many cruise lines out there and you've never been and you don't know who to talk to."

This article was published in the Harrisonburg, Va., Daily News-Record on Sept. 2, 2011.



What's cooking at Bridgewater College?

ART

ARTIST'S TALKS

4-5 p.m. | Boitnott Room

RECEPTIONS

5-7 p.m. | Miller Art Gallery

4 Seasons—Oct. 10–Nov. 9

Artist's Talk* and Reception—Oct. 17

*Artist's Talk will take place in Cole Hall
Abstract expressionist paintings by Kimberly Henley Miller

Photo Works—Nov. 14–Dec. 16

Artist's Talk and Reception—Nov. 14
Photography by Sweet Briar photography professor Paige Critcher

Student Art Sale—Dec. 9, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. | KCC lounge

LECTURES

Extreme Storm Chasing—Severe Weather Forecasting, Survival, and Research, Dr. Reed Timmer

Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. | Carter Center

Sponsor: Harold H. Hersch Endowed Lecture Series

Dr. Reed Timmer of Discovery Channel's "Storm Chaser" has intercepted more than 250 tornadoes and a dozen powerful hurricanes during the last decade. Timmer is

CEO of Weather Fusion LLC and Extreme Tornado Tours LLC.

Intercultural Sensitivity and Emotional Intelligence—Dr. Jarik Conrad

Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. | Cole Hall

Sponsor: Office of Multicultural Services

Dr. Jarik E. Conrad grew up in a housing project in East St. Louis, Ill., a place so economically challenged that it has been described as the most distressed small city in America. He is now president of the Conrad Consulting Group LLC, which helps organizations solve complex people-related challenges.

Slam Poet—Jason Carney

Nov. 11, 8 p.m. | Main Dining Hall

Jason Carney has been a mainstay on the national performance poetry scene for the past 10 years. Using the lessons of his past, this fiery performer brings unique insights on issues of race, class and gender. Carney breaks down barriers and biases so that all can have an honest conversation involving some of our nation's critical issues.

Surfing for Change—Kyle Theirmann

Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. | Cole Hall

Sponsor: W. Harold Row Endowed Lecture Series

Kyle Theirmann, 21, is a professional surfer with a passion to systemically affect change.

Combining surfing great waves around the world with making a series of short films on current issues, Thiermann focuses on the power people have to create a better world through everyday actions. Among his videos are *Claim Your Change* and *Buy Local, Surf Global*.

Courage, Hope, Music & the Will to Survive—Jason & Marjorie Crigler
Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. | Cole Hall

In 2004, guitarist Jason Crigler, a fixture in the downtown New York music scene, suffered a ruptured blood vessel in his brain. Jason's family dedicated themselves to helping him relearn how to walk, speak and eat. He and his sister examine the power of music, love and family, and show that nothing is impossible when people unite for a common goal.

MUSIC

Schola Cantorum de Venezuela

Nov. 7, 8 p.m. | Carter Center

Event in the Lyceum Series

The Schola Cantorum de Venezuela, the premiere touring chorus of Latin America, will present a vivid cultural and joyous experience through a wide range of repertoire from sacred hymns and motets to propulsive rhythmic and tuneful popular idioms of rich Latin American culture.

Carl Orff's CARMINA BURANA

Nov. 19, 8 p.m. & Nov. 20, 3 p.m. |

Carter Center

BC Oratorio Choir—Dr. Jesse Hopkins, *Conductor*

JMU Percussion Ensemble—Dr. Michael Overman, *Director*

BC Jazz Ensemble

Dec. 1, 8 p.m. | Cole Hall

Dr. Christine Carrillo, *Director*

Symphonic Band

Dec. 4, 3 p.m. | Carter Center

Dr. Christine Carrillo, *Conductor*

THEATRE

Theatre at Bridgewater College Presents

A Dream Play

Nov. 3–5, 8 p.m. & Nov. 6, 3

p.m. | Cole Hall; Talk-Back and

Reception—Nov. 4 after the

performance
By August Strindberg, in a New Version by Caryl Churchill

Focused on a young woman's quest to determine if life is as challenging as people say it is, August Strindberg's 1901 drama follows the logic of a dream—in which characters merge, locations change in an instant and a locked door recurs obsessively. Caryl Churchill's adaptation of *A Dream Play* modernizes this hallmark of expressionist and symbolist theater.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are required for programs in the lyceum series and theatre productions (see below). All other events are free and tickets are not required.

Programs in the Lyceum Series

Unless otherwise noted, \$15 adults/\$13 seniors, students and children. BC students,

faculty and staff free. Tickets sold only at the door beginning one hour before the performance.

Theatre Productions

\$9 adults/\$7 seniors, students and children.

BC students, faculty and staff free. Tickets sold at the door beginning one hour prior to the performance. To reserve a ticket for purchase please call 540-828-5631.

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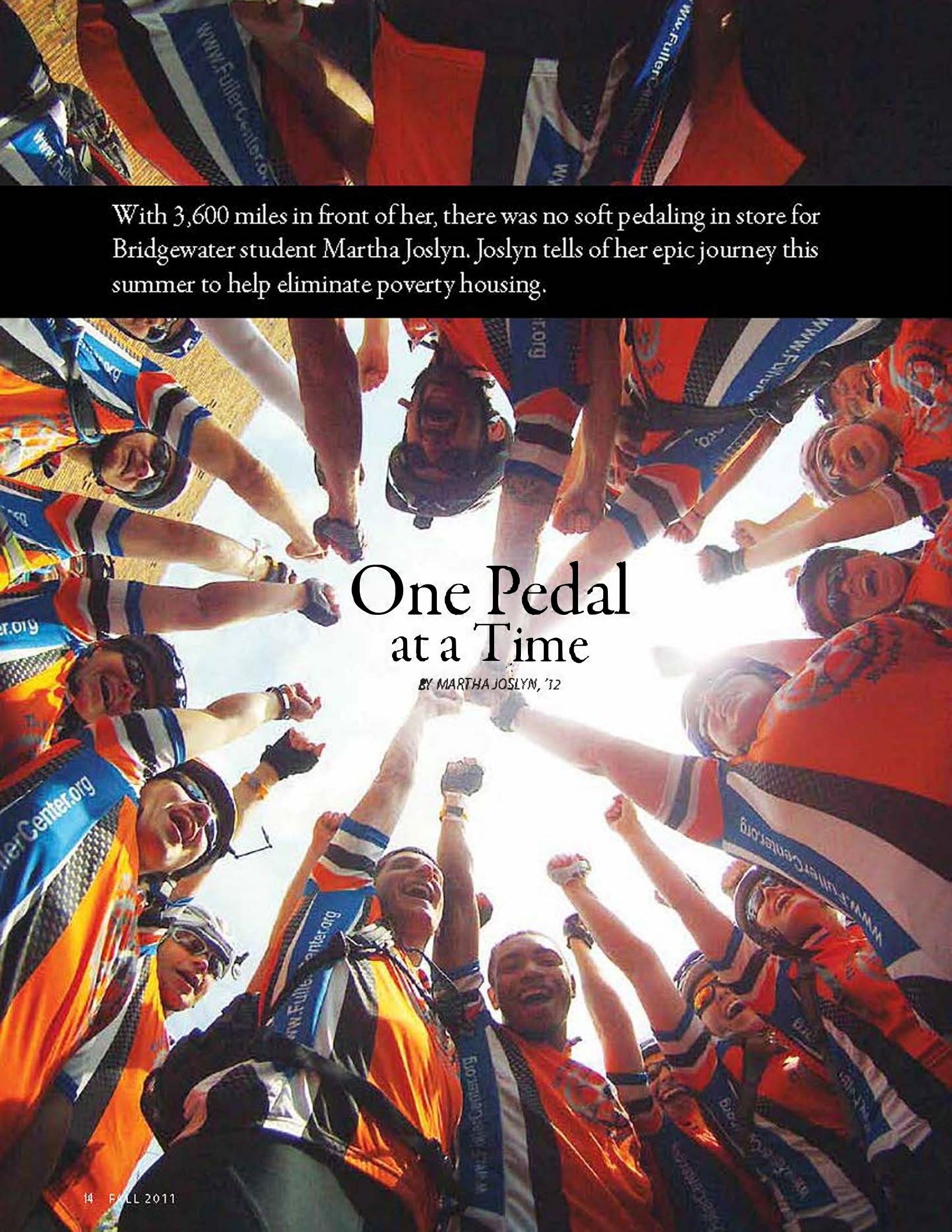
Visit us on the second floor of the Alexander Mack Memorial Library. The gallery is open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 540-828-5413 for more information.



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With 3,600 miles in front of her, there was no soft pedaling in store for Bridgewater student Martha Joslyn. Joslyn tells of her epic journey this summer to help eliminate poverty housing.

One Pedal at a Time

BY MARTHA JOSLYN, '12

I had originally wanted to do a self-supported bike trip across the country, but while I was researching how I would accomplish this, I came across information about the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure. It immediately caught my attention because it gave me the chance to pursue my ambitious desire to bike across the United States and, at the same time, participate in a service project that would be meaningful to everyone.

The Bicycle Adventure is a program of the Fuller Center for Housing, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry headquartered in Americus, Ga., that is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. One of the ways it does that – in addition to forming partnerships with organizations and communities – is to sponsor a bike ride across the nation in which the riders stop along the way and actually help build and repair homes for the impoverished.

When I started the trip, I thought of poverty housing as just another thing on a long list of charities. However, by the end of the trip, it became much more to me than just an idea. Poverty housing

is very real and it's surprising how many Americans are affected by it – here, in what is considered to be one of the richest countries in the world. Housing is an essential, basic human need, and I feel honored



that I was given the opportunity to work towards putting an end to it in my homeland.

Not having done much cycling before this expedition – which was to begin in Seattle, Wash., and end in Washington, D.C. – I really didn't have a clue of what I was getting myself into. However, somewhere between June and August, cycling became second nature and now I can't imagine life without two wheels under me.

In early June, I flew with my bike to Seattle from my home in Tappahannock, Va., and met up with about 30 other cyclists. It was a little unsettling at first to be surrounded by so many unfamiliar faces and being, literally, on the other side of the continent. Eventually, though, these strangers became like family, and traveling through unknown areas of this beautiful country became normal. Even though I was in a new place every night, the friendships I formed helped make wherever I was like home to me.

Cycling is no easy feat. It is extremely taxing on the body. I spent an average of about six hours a day on my bike, burning between 4,000 and 6,000 calories a day. When I wasn't pedaling, I was either eating or sleeping – two things that there could never be enough of. Saddle soreness never completely went away, my muscles never stopped being tired and being exhausted was commonplace. While this may seem unbearable, I can say that there is no greater feeling of accomplishment than to reach the summit of a mountain or arrive at my destination at the end of a 100-mile day.

The most stressful part of daily life biking across the country was the mornings. Waking up never got any easier. My body was always

“ I had two personal goals for this past summer. One was to ride my bicycle across the United States. The other was to participate in a meaningful service project. *Little did I know back in the spring that I would achieve both of them at the same time.* ”

– MARTHA JOSLYN '12

Photos by Scott Umstatt



tired from the previous day's riding or building. After a week or two on the road, my alarm clock was no longer needed because the sound of air being let out of a couple of dozen air mattresses around me would be enough to disrupt my slumber. My typical morning

routine included packing my bed into my backpack, performing some morning chores, eating breakfast and tuning up my bike.

A majority of resting places for the night were local churches that were generous enough to open their doors to us. Occasionally they would also provide us with meals. A couple of nights, though, we had more interesting accommodations. One night we stayed in a Masonic Lodge up on a mountain in Washing-

ton state. It consisted of a small cabin with one room, a kitchen and a bathroom. With 30 mats set out on the wooden floor, you had to make sure not to step on anyone on your way to the bathroom.

Another night, in Idaho, we stayed in a Salvation Army shelter. They put us in the gym area and we were thrilled to sleep on cots instead of the floor. After about the second week, it became

automatic to stake out a place to sleep as soon as we arrived at the destination of the day. We learned to turn anything that we could find into a bed. Sleeping on floors became normal, pews were considered a treat and couches were rare but considered as good as the Holiday Inn.

The roughing it, however, was offset by the opportunity to see a good portion of the country I wouldn't normally be able to see. I will never forget the 17-mile, 4,000-foot climb into the Cascades, which were covered in snow, or the 20-mile descent past waterfalls and rivers on the other side. Yellowstone National Park fascinated me with all its incredible, up-close encounters with wildlife. And believe it or not, Kansas is not flat. But most beautiful of all is the state of Virginia. Its rolling hills, gorgeous greenery and blue skies took my breath away after crossing the entire continent.

There was one major obstacle for me, though. During the third week of my trip, at the end of a long and exhausting day, I lost control of my bike and collided with another cyclist. Thankfully she was able to stay on her bike and was uninjured. I, however, flew off my bike and hit the road pretty hard. My front gears caught my leg on the way down and sliced through my skin and muscle right under my knee. I was hurried to a hospital where the doctors said it could take from three to six weeks to get back on my bike.

I was distraught at the thought of not being able to complete my trip. I chose to stay on the trip and hope for the best. For two weeks I rode in the support van that assisted us, and at the end of that time was well enough to get back on my bike and continue the journey.

Of course, the main purpose of the bike adventure was to help eradicate poverty housing. Along the way, we had seven stops where we took the day off from riding, strapped on tool belts and

“ I hope to inspire others to try something new and change the world, even if it's just riding a bike. ”

— MARTHA JOSLYN '12



OPPOSITE PAGE: Patrick Smith, Joslyn and Blake Smith crossing from Montana into Idaho at the Continental Divide.

ABOVE: Joslyn and fellow biker, Anne Troyer, take a break from riding in Rexburg, Idaho.

LEFT: Joslyn with Patrick and Blake Smith at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, Colo.

helped the Fuller Center work on housing projects. What's really unique about the Fuller Center is that they are specifically interested in offering families a "hand up," not a "hand out." We worked alongside the family we were building for, which made the whole experience much more intimate and meaningful.

The fact that we were riding for such an important and life-changing cause gave us the perseverance to push through the more difficult days of riding. We did everything from insulating, roofing, demolitions, painting, boarding floors and cleaning. I met and helped so many interesting people who touched my life, and I hope I was able to touch theirs. The days of building helped me experience how it is truly more blessed to give than to receive.

I had mixed feelings on Aug. 13 as I pedaled my way into the nation's capital. I was proud of what I had accomplished, relieved to finally reach the end of a nine-week journey, sad knowing I would have to say goodbye to my teammates I had shared just about everything with throughout the summer, and excited knowing I would soon return to Bridgewater College to complete my final year of undergraduate studies.

While my body needed a couple of weeks to recover from my cross country trip, my mind was never more sharp and ready to learn. I picked up a sport this summer that has changed my life and given me an experience I will not soon forget. I am so excited to return to Bridgewater this fall and I hope to inspire others to try something new and change the world, even if it's just riding a bike.

Martha Joslyn is a senior psychology major at Bridgewater College. She will graduate in May 2012.



Work proceeds on a house along the bicycling route.

THE FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING

The Fuller Center for Housing is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. By forming partnerships with local organizations, The Fuller Center provides the structure, guidance and support that communities need to build and repair homes for the impoverished among them.



Nthanga villagers make bricks by hand; children play on the construction site; roofer Frackson Mbale shingles the roof of the library; the library, nearly complete.

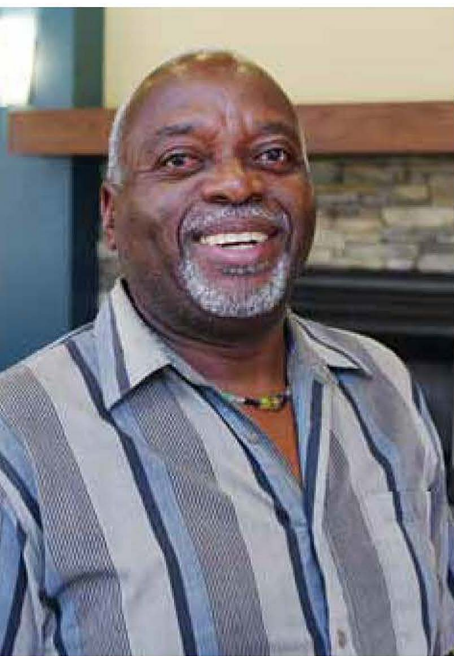
Photos by Mwizenge Tembo



It Takes a (Village) Library

By Karen Doss Bowman '91

It all started with a light after midnight...



Mwizenge Tembo, who has taught at Bridgewater since 1990, wants to spread his literary passion throughout his home village. For the last five years he has immersed himself in a project to fund and build a library in Zambia.

Photo by Charles Culbertson

When he was a 13-year-old attending boarding school more than 100 miles from his home in the Zambian village of Nkhanga, sociology professor Mwizenge Tembo had the “privilege” of walking to the local public library and checking out a book for the first time. The experience made such an impression on him that Tembo can still summarize the plot of that book – Agatha Christie’s *Destination Unknown*.

“I took that book home, and I couldn’t wait to start reading it after I finished my homework,” Tembo says. “After reading it, I decided I wanted to be a writer. From that time, I just fell in love with books.”

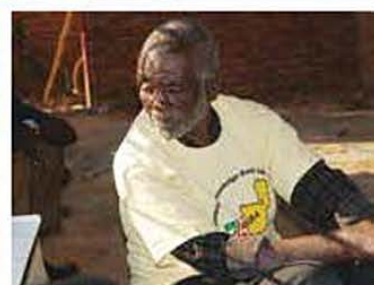
Tembo, who has taught at Bridgewater since 1990, wants to spread his literary passion throughout his home village. For the last five years he has immersed himself in a project to fund and build the Nkhanga Village Library, with hopes of inspiring a love of reading among future generations. He doesn’t have to wait much longer. Tembo expects the library to be completed this fall.

Tembo’s idea was sparked during the summer of 2006 when he returned to Nkhanga to visit family. As he walked to his sleeping-hut after midnight one evening, he noticed light coming from his nephew’s bedroom. The next day, when he asked his nephew what he had been doing up so late, the teen replied, “Reading.” But the boy wasn’t reading books—his school didn’t have any. Instead, the youngster was poring over the stack of notes he had scribbled during his teacher’s lecture.

“When my nephew told me he couldn’t get a book to read, that just struck a chord with me,” says Tembo, recalling that as a schoolboy, he and his classmates had to read textbooks aloud in class because there weren’t enough for each student. “It reminded me of not having access to many resources, in terms of books. So I thought a library would be good and might inspire other neighborhoods and towns in the region. It could start a movement that might spread throughout Africa.”

Knowing that the closest library – the same one where the teen-aged Tembo found the Agatha Christie novel – was about 120 miles away, Tembo devised a plan to build a library in Nkhanga. With a literacy rate of





nearly 70 percent, Tembo says, Zambia would be an ideal place to have libraries within reach of all communities.

Tembo assembled a group of village leaders under a tree (since the community had no other large meeting place) to garner support for the project and to develop an action plan. After returning to the United States in late August 2006, Tembo rallied support among his family, friends and the Bridgewater College community. Small donations trickled in, sometimes coming from the unlikelyst of sources.

For example, Tembo recalls a small boy, about seven years old, donating \$8 to the cause following one of Tembo's storytelling appearances at a local library. Other fund-raising projects have included book drives at local schools and a benefit concert by organist and fellow BC professor Larry C. Taylor.

Since the onset of the project, 3,800 books have been donated and \$46,000 has been raised. Every penny has been spent, thanks to the high cost of shipping materials, and more will be needed to maintain the building.

"I think the project struck a chord with people," Tembo says. "Often, the stories out of Africa are negative—there's famine in Somalia, political violence, an HIV epidemic and all kinds of poverty. But what we don't realize is that, in a country like Zambia, there are millions of people, young and old, who are healthy and would like to read. They just want to do the regular things that make people happy and help them learn."

Construction on the 3,100 square-foot building began in May 2007 and the project has not been without challenges. One of the biggest obstacles has been the short time frame for ideal building conditions. Construction typically comes to a halt between November and April during Zambia's rainy season. Villagers are also occupied during this time tending crops to be harvested in late April.

Simply obtaining materials and getting them to the building site can be daunting. Take the bricks, for example. The project required about 100,000 of them, Tembo explains, and "you can't just buy bricks from somewhere." So, about 40 men hand-molded the bricks in preparation for the kilns.

Even the cement-making process was primitive and time-consuming. Rocks had to be crushed by men using hammers. Even so, the foundation was finished after two months, and the community has enthusiastically embraced the project in the four years since.

"People in the area have been known to travel five or six miles by bike just to come and gawk," says Tembo, noting that local carpen-

ters have constructed everything from the building itself to finishes such as doors, tables, chairs and bookshelves. "They are excited, and you can see it in people's faces and in their comments."

Considered a large structure for the area, Tembo explains that 1,500 square feet of the building is designated to house the books and reading areas, while the other half includes a small kitchen, two offices and a large seminar room available for community group meetings. The library will serve more than 100,000 people in an area that includes more than 50 villages and three schools. Two librarians from a town 120 miles away came to catalog the books and train volunteer librarians.

For Tembo, seeing the dream of a library turn to reality has been a satisfying accomplishment.

"I derive great pleasure just from helping others, and this became a major thing for me," says Tembo, who is well-known throughout the Shenandoah Valley for sharing his native culture through storytelling, traditional dance and drumming. "If I were to count the number of things that I think were done in my life that were good, besides raising my kids, this project is among the top achievements. I have an intuition that this library will be around long after I'm gone. It's solid, it has been built well, and it will influence so many people."

One of the strengths of the project has been community support, Tembo says — both within Zambia and from friends in the United States.

No single gift launched the project; instead, numerous, small donations have been key. And because the Nkhanga Village residents have embraced the project and contributed hours of sweat equity, they have taken ownership of the library, Tembo says. That means everyone will feel welcome.

"It's going to be such a morale boost for the entire community to know that there's a facility where they can actually read and that their kids will do better in school," Tembo says. "But my hope is that they will become comfortable with reading. Once you become comfortable with reading, your way of thinking changes. There's lots of knowledge that's still uninvestigated, and books give people good ideas. My idea is that this library will generate scientists, writers and even Nobel Prize winners."

For more information about the Nkhanga Branch Village Library, or to make a donation, please visit: bridgewater.edu/zanoba/index.shtml.

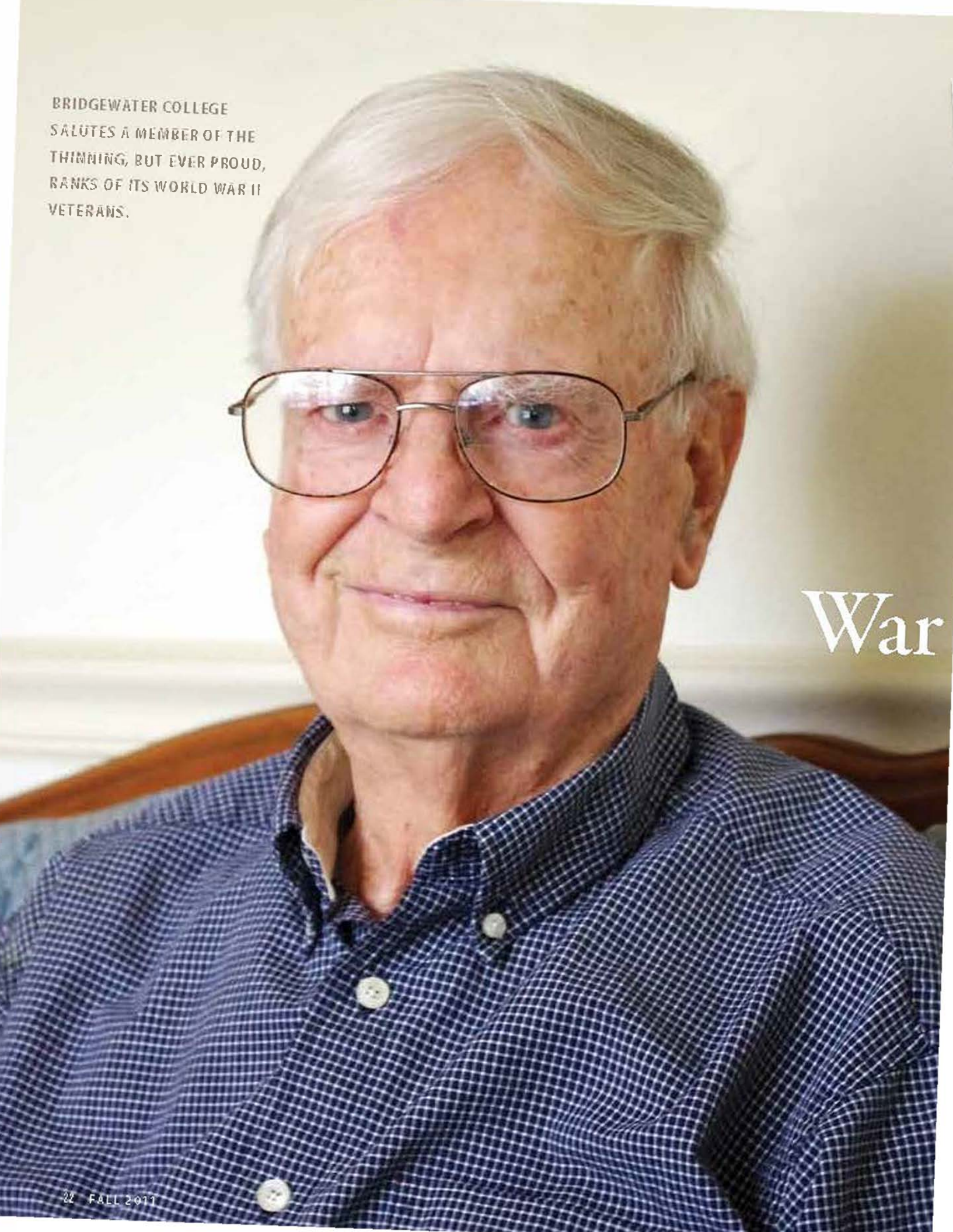
Karen Doss Bowman '91, is a freelance writer in Bridgewater, Va.

"Once you become comfortable with reading, your way of thinking changes."

— DR. MWIZENGE TEMBO

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Nkhanga villagers hold a meeting in the still-to-be-completed library; Lywell Msimuko, leader of the village of Limbalimba; boxes of donated books wait for a home on the library's shelves; workers constructing the walls of the library.

Photos by Mwizenge Tembo

A close-up portrait of an elderly man with white hair, wearing glasses and a blue and white checkered button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE
SALUTES A MEMBER OF THE
THINNING, BUT EVER PROUD,
RANKS OF ITS WORLD WAR II
VETERANS.

War



“I just couldn’t see how – if all American men registered as conscientious objectors and worked on farms and roads and hospitals – we could prevent the Germans or the Japanese from invading *us* if they wanted to.” —*Lowell A. Miller ’40*

Seventy years ago in December, a surprise attack on the American fleet at Pearl Harbor by the empire of Japan propelled the United States into World War II. Within four days, the United States was at war not only with Japan, but with Germany, as well.

Americans responded overwhelmingly to the crisis. Recruiting stations were instantly swamped by young men seeking to serve their country.

Brethren near Harrisonburg, Va., and was keenly aware of the dichotomy between what was expected of him by his church and what was needed of him by his country.

Soon after hearing President Franklin D. Roosevelt announce on the radio that America was at war with Japan, Miller registered as a conscientious objector. That was in December.

“They had the draft lottery and I was fortunate that my number didn’t come up until the middle of the lottery,” said Miller, who

was working as a farm service store manager for Southern States Cooperative in Milton, Del., and Towson, Md. “I continued to work and pay off some college debt until May 1942, when my draft number came up.”

But between December and May, Miller had been thinking. The Germans, who had invaded Poland in 1939, had also conquered France and swept into the north countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. They had invaded Holland and Belgium and were trying to bomb England into submission. Russia was fighting for its life against the Nazi onslaught.

“I just couldn’t see how – if all American men registered as conscientious objectors and worked on farms and roads and hospitals – we could prevent the Germans or the Japanese from invading *us* if they wanted to,” he said. “If no one was willing to fight, we couldn’t prevent them from attacking us. So when my draft number came up in May, I went to the draft board and told them I wanted to change my classification.” ▶

and Remembrance

By Charles Culbertson

Among them were students and graduates of Bridgewater College. Despite the college’s Brethren history and advocacy of pacifism, many of its people served in the military during World War II. A good portion of those saw combat in some of the war’s bloodiest battles.

Many, at one point or another, had to balance the tenets of the church they had grown up in against the duty they felt they owed to the country that had given them life and religious freedom.

● One of those young men was 1940 Bridgewater College alumnus Lowell A. Miller. Today, at age 94, Miller clearly recalls the internal struggle he felt as America went to war. A Rockingham County native, Miller had grown up in the Greenmount Church of the



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Literary of Congress

Miller's request was granted, and the next day he boarded a bus in Harrisonburg with 30 other young men. At Camp Lee, Va., Miller was assigned to the U.S. Army as a combat engineer. He came out of basic and officer's training at Fort Belvoir, Va., a second lieutenant, and went on to Camp Shelby in Mississippi for more months of training and maneuvers.

Miller, who was in command of second platoon, Company B, 310th Engineers (85th Infantry Division), was trained to build bridges, repair roads, erect obstacles, clear mine fields and – if necessary – fight as an infantryman. He and the men with him practiced their engineering skills in swamp conditions of Louisiana and the desert environment of California.

"In the desert, it was so hot you slept bare naked at night," said Miller. "In the morning you'd be lying in a pool of sweat. Your boots would sometimes have a diamondback rattlesnake curled up in them."

Finally, after a brief stint at Fort Dix, N.J., Miller and his fellow combat engineers were shipped from Hampton Roads, Va., to Casablanca, where they arrived in January 1944. More training in the Atlas Mountains, ship-to-shore operations near the ancient city of Carthage and a rocky crossing of the Mediterranean at last brought Miller to German-occupied Italy.

Miller recalled that his division "cut loose" on the Germans in May 1944 as part of the spring offensive. The Germans, he said, responded vigorously.

"It was 11 o'clock at night and the sky was lit up like daylight," Miller said. "I admit that when everything broke loose, I was so excited that I crawled under a brush pile for a few minutes to get my bearings."

In this, the drive that eventually broke the German lines below Rome, Miller received his baptism of fire. On May 13, at a stream where German tanks had made the crossing unusable, Miller was instructed to "fix it." He and 10 men from his platoon drove a bulldozer to the site, which was under heavy bombardment, and began to straighten out the demolished stream and lay in a pipe for a culvert.

"I worked at that and had all the men down behind a bank," Miller said. "I called out one man at a time to help me, and after an hour or two we got it straightened out and laid the pipe in. The bulldozer came and filled it in."

Meanwhile, artillery shells were exploding overhead and shrapnel whistled through the air. Miller ordered his men out of the area and then stayed behind to make sure American tanks could get across the repaired crossing.

The mission was a success, but the day was a sad one for the engineers. Exploding artillery shells, German sharpshooters and cleverly hidden mines killed several men in his unit that day. For his action at the stream, Miller later received the Silver Star for bravery under enemy fire.

The Americans broke through the German defensive line and marched triumphantly into Rome.

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The war, however, was far from over. The Germans gave ground reluctantly, and the American army's ascent up the boot of Italy was slow and bloody. In April 1945, Miller's division led the advance across the Po River for what is regarded as the third most costly battle of the 20th century. Only the battle of Stalingrad in Russia and the battle of the Somme in World War I had more casualties than the Po River Valley campaign.

Here, Miller won a second medal, a Bronze Star for meritorious service.

When the war in Europe ended in May, Miller – who didn't have enough "points" to go home – was sent to the Pacific for the anticipated invasion of Japan.

"We sailed into Manila Bay in July 1945, and the harbor was so full of sunken ships that we couldn't dock," Miller said. "So we had to go over the side in rope ladders and get in landing craft. When we got to the beach, we saw Gen. Douglas MacArthur standing there with his men to see the first troops from Europe come in.

"It didn't go down so well with us," he continued. "We thought it was condescending. We'd won our spurs."

The dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan on Aug. 6 and 9, 1945, ended the necessity of Allied invasion, and gradually American soldiers began to come home. Miller boarded a ship in Manila on Nov. 2, 1945, and on Christmas Day arrived in Hampton Roads – the same port he had left two years earlier on his way to war.

Christmas dinner was served to him and his fellow soldiers by German prisoners of war.

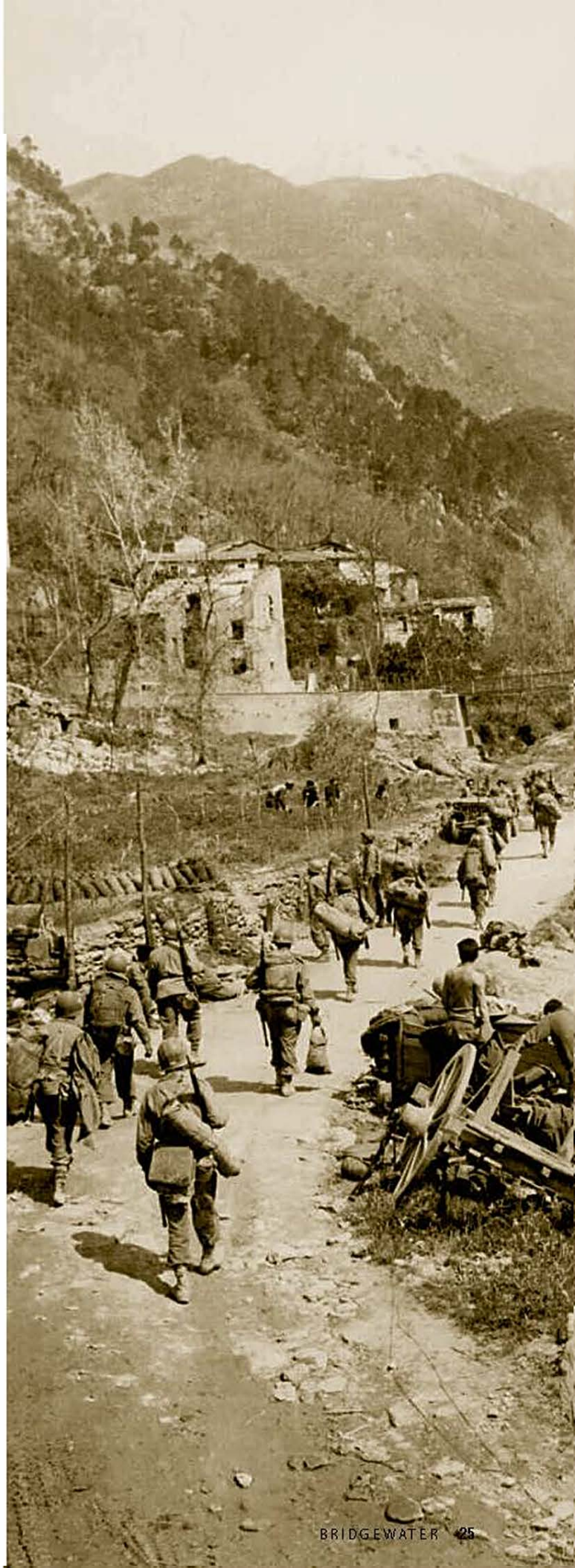
After the war, Miller returned to Southern States where he worked until September 1946 when he accepted a job at Linville-Edom High School teaching vocational agriculture and coaching basketball and baseball. In 1947, he married Peggy Wright, a 1947 graduate of Bridgewater College. They had five children, all of whom attended Bridgewater.

Miller – who also served as Rockingham County's commissioner of revenue and as Bridgewater College's treasurer and business manager for 25 years before his retirement in 1983 – said he kept up with some of his Army buddies for awhile after the war, but that today few of them remain, and he has lost touch with them. Miller is the only surviving officer from his immediate unit.

In 2000, a book was donated to the Alexander Mack Memorial Library in honor of the many Church of the Brethren members from the central Shenandoah Valley who served in the military during World War II and since. The book, *World War II in Europe*, especially honors those who served in combat units and then returned to work in and support their local Church of the Brethren congregations.

The bookplate particularly notes the service of Lowell A. Miller.

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American troops push into German occupied Italy during World War II.
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Coaches' Corner - Curt Kendall: Moving In On a Milestone

By Mark Griffin '88

In 1975, longtime Eagles coach Carlyle Whitelow '59, was working as a counselor at the Shenandoah Sports Camp, a six-week soccer and basketball program for kids that was held each summer at Bridgewater College. One of the campers – a high-school student from Greencastle, Pa. – caught Whitelow's eye because of his keen shooting skills on the basketball court.

The young sharpshooter's name was Curt Kendall. In 1977, Whitelow was instrumental in recruiting Kendall to Bridgewater as a student-athlete. Kendall, who was a two-sport athlete at Greencastle-Antrim High School, was initially attracted to the basketball program at BC.

Fast forward nearly 35 years. Kendall, who graduated from Bridgewater in 1981, is now a coach at his alma mater and is closing in on a major milestone in his athletic coaching career – win number 600.

But not in basketball. Kendall, who came to Bridgewater to shoot hoops, became a baseball star instead and, eventually, one of the college's most successful coaches. Under Kendall's leadership over the years, BC's baseball program has become one of the top Division III programs in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

It all started, of course, at Bridgewater, when Kendall realized that basketball wasn't for him.

"I was a good shooter, but I didn't care much about defense, and that doesn't help you much when you are trying to make a college basketball team," he said.

Kendall turned to baseball, where he played third base and pitched. The Eagles won the ODAC title in 1978 while Kendall was a freshman, and competed for the title in each of his next three years.

After graduating in 1981 with a degree in health and physical education, Kendall joined the BC staff as an assistant in the athletic and health and physical education departments. Tom Kinder was the Eagles' head coach at a time when the recruiting environment was changing.

"So much of the recruiting when I was coming through high school was done by writing letters," Kendall said. "Dr. Kinder was willing to let me go out and visit high schools from Virginia to New Jersey."

After winning the ODAC title in 1985, Kinder stepped aside and recommended Kendall for the job. He got it, and kept the winning streak going. In 1986, Bridgewater won the baseball program's second straight ODAC title.

Pat Shiflet, a local player from Turner Ashby High School, was a first baseman on that team.

"He was easy to get along with," said Shiflet of Kendall. "He was almost our age and it was like talking to your best friend. We all gelled."

The Eagles captured another ODAC title in 1988 and the success continued into the early '90s. From 1994-96, BC captured three straight conference titles and went unbeaten in conference play in 1996, going 19-0 against league foes and in the conference tournament.

"We had some pretty good players when we made that run," said Ben Spotts, who came to Bridgewater from Fort Defiance in 1993

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– CURT KENDALL '81



and who, today, is in his 17th year as Kendall's assistant coach. "We were 27-8 in 1996 and didn't get a bid. We had lost some games in California early that year, but Kendall's philosophy was to play the best teams."

Throughout the years, Kendall kept the same philosophy and produced many victories.

"I like to see the players progress and develop over their four years," he said. "That's the rewarding part, and that's why I do it. I don't dwell on losses or past games. Our goal is to try to win the ODAC championship each year, and we strive every day to do that."

In the fall of 2000, Kendall assumed additional duties when he became the Eagles' athletic director. Through it all, he credits Ben Spotts with helping him succeed in each new position.

"Ben has been my assistant ever since I've been the AD," Kendall said. "He's organized, he's passionate and I know that I can trust him to get things done."

Kendall noted that his 26-year coaching stint has gone quickly.

"I think that Division III philosophy fits me and my style of coaching," he noted. "I didn't see myself moving on. My future is coaching at Division III. Bridgewater gave me the opportunity to coach, compete and have success doing something that I enjoy."

He summarized his keys to success in coaching and recruiting as "loving what you are doing" and recruiting players who are "team oriented, hard workers and good citizens."

Coincidentally, Kendall's 26th year as baseball coach is also his 26th year of marriage to his wife, LeAnn. In fact, it was many of the same interests that brought the two together when they were married in November 1985.



"I was a baseball fan even before I met Curt," said LeAnn, who grew up in Bridgewater.

The couple – both Baltimore Orioles fans – kept their love of the game in the family. Their first child, Brooke, was named after legendary Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson.

LeAnn says that her husband has been successful over the years due to his ability to adapt.

"He loves the game and he has had to change with the times," she noted. "Having kids of his own has helped him to adjust."

Kendall said he knows that LeAnn has been instrumental in his success.

"She knows sports and understands what it takes to be a coach and an athletic director," Kendall said. "Without her support, I couldn't have done it. I've been fortunate to have three women in my life – LeAnn and daughters Brooke and Kelly – who understand and support me. It's made it easier."

What does the future hold for Kendall?

"Knock on wood, I could die a baseball coach," he said. "I evaluate it on a year-to-year basis. As long as I feel that I can give the program what it needs to be successful, I'll keep doing it."

With 11 conference regular-season and tournament titles, eight NCAA tournament berths and a 66 percent winning record of 595-386-8, there is no time to rest on his laurels or to read the press clippings.

Kendall is getting ready for the next game.

Mark Griffin '88, is senior associate director of admissions at Bridgewater College.



“Craig and I enjoyed hosting the Richmond (Glen Allen) send-off party. What a great way to welcome the incoming freshmen to the BC community! The party provided a great opportunity for the incoming freshmen from the Richmond area to meet each other, allowed the parents to meet each other, gave both the opportunity to visit with BC staff as well as provided a connection to the alumni (us) who provided a few words of wisdom from our BC days! We had such a great time; we look forward to hosting the event for future Bridgewater students!”

— Anita Waters '78

Send-Off Parties

New BC students and their families were welcomed into the BC family at send-off parties in August in Roanoke, Winchester and Glen Allen. These parties were a collaboration of current students, new students, families and BC alumni. Students and families had the opportunity to connect with one another to share their anticipation of the new academic year. The welcome parties, hosted by BC alumni and parents, included cooking out and fun activities for the entire family.

Thursday, August 4, 2011 | Roanoke, VA

Hosts: Melvin Williams '95 and Pamela Williams

19 attendees (including new students and their families)

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 | Winchester, VA

Hosts: Dale, Marsha and Elizabeth Barley (Dale and Marsha are the BC Parents Council Co-Chairs. Elizabeth is a senior at BC and the student body president.)

35 attendees (including new students, their families and current students)

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 | Glen Allen, VA

Hosts: Craig Waters '78 and Anita Waters '78

18 attendees (including new students and their families)

If you are interested in hosting a send-off party next summer in your area, please call the office of alumni relations at 540-828-5451.

“The send-off party in itself was pretty amazing. I can honestly say I met my best friend there (Glen Allen party). The food was really good, and everyone was super nice. I hope that we can have another one next year or soon even though we wouldn't be freshmen anymore. Thanks for having it.”

— Lindsay Toler '15

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Get involved

- Show your Bridgewater spirit and display a BC alumni decal on your car! Decals available from the office of alumni relations at 800-476-4289, ext 5451.
- Nominate BC alumni for the annual alumni awards – go to bridgewater.edu/AlumniAndFriends/AlumniProgramsAndServices/AlumniAwards.

- Volunteer to serve on the newly-created geographic region committees. Informal committees are currently forming. If interested in learning more, call the office of alumni relations at 800-476-4289, ext 5451.
- Make an annual gift to the Bridgewater Fund in any amount.
- Connect with fellow area alumni by attending alumni events in your area.

Class Notes

BridgewaterAlumni.com

Your former classmates would like to hear from you! Share your news (career/address changes, promotions, awards, marriages, births, retirements, etc.) by posting to our online community at BridgewaterAlumni.com.

For questions or to mail information, contact: Office of Alumni Relations, Box 40, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA 22812-1599. Tel. 540-828-5451 Email: alumnews@bridgewater.edu

Remember to include your name, maiden name, class year, spouse's name and class year (if applicable), mailing address, phone and email address. Include occupation/title and business information, if applicable. Do not use abbreviations. Photos must be high resolution jpeg or tiff.

HONORARY ALUMNI

1997	Mary Grace Martin *
2001	Carolyn C. Driver *
2001	Ralph L. Shively
2001	Mary Spitzer Etter *
2005	Bonnie Lou Wampler
2008	Daniel S. Geiser*

*deceased

1953

DR. OTIS D. KITCHEN, professor of music *emeritus* at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, was honored by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for his service during the Korean War, his outstanding achievements in the musical world and his dedication to Elizabethtown College. He received a bound copy of the citation.

1954

While attending her grandson's high-school graduation in Eugene, Ore., **DORIS THOMPSON CARPENTER** participated in PBS's *Antiques Roadshow* where she had a 1920s Ansonia mantel clock appraised that belonged to her Thompson grandparents and is now owned by her son, Joseph. "What a fun time it was," she says.

1955

FRANKLIN HUFFMAN'S book, *Your Diplomats at Work: A Comedy in Seven Acts*, has been published by the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training. The "seven acts" are the seven countries he served in while in Foreign Service from 1985-2000: Burma, Cambodia, Chad, France, London, Morocco and New Zealand. The book, along with his book, *Monks and Motorcycles: From Laos to London by the Seat of my Pants, 1956-1958*, may be viewed at his website huffmanbooks.com.

1962

BINGHAM HIGGINS of Glade Hill, Va., is assistant executive officer of Smith Mountain Lake Sail and Power Squadron. He is a certified vessel safety examiner and certified instructor for Virginia boating safety courses.

1964

JUDY ROW GALANG operates Cottage Crafts on Main Street in Bridgewater, Va. The shop sells hand-made crafts including BC items. Judy has three grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

1966

MARY "MISSY" LANTZ MAIDEN received an award for 30 years of volunteer service at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond, Va.

DR. BRIAN D. KENNEDY of Salem, Ore., retired in June from a long and enjoyable career as a family physician. He worked for eight years as a commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service with the Indian Health Service. He was in private practice in Waynesboro, Va., from 1985-90 before working at Kaiser Permanente in Salem for 20 years. Recently, he did additional work in an urgent care center. In retirement, his plans are to golf, play tennis and racquetball, write poetry and play the piano. He and his wife, Candace, would enjoy having classmates drop by for a visit.

1968

In September, **CAROL DEPRIEST KOGER**, from Mechanicsville, Va., retired after 42 years with the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University and worked as a communication skills instructor, departmental supervisor and technologies resource specialist. Most recently, she was assistant director for administration. She has been married since 1975 to George and the couple has four grown children, a son and daughter from Vietnam and a son and daughter from Korea and four grandchildren.

1971

JOAN GAITHER LACLAIR of Summerfield, Fla., has retired after 31 years teaching vocal music, with the last 25 years spent at Bellows Falls (Vt.) Middle School. She and her husband, Donald, have moved to Florida.

1974

MARION F. "BO" TRUMBO of Covington, Va., was appointed to a four-year term on the Secure Rural Schools Virginia Resource Advisory Committee by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. The committee will recommend funding for projects on federal lands, or that will benefit resources on federal lands, in the participating Virginia counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Bath, Rockbridge, Smyth and Wythe.

SUSAN BILLHEIMER PHILLIPS of Harrisonburg, Va., was one of 24 finalists for the 2011 National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. She was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team from 1979-86 and the U.S. World Cup Team in 1981. In 1999, she was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Charlottesville Chapter Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the BC Athletic Hall of Fame. She remains active in field hockey and lacrosse as an official for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

1980

DR. AUDREY PUCKETT CHURCH of Keysville, Va., has an article, "School Librarians as Teacher Leaders," in the spring 2011 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, the international journal for professional educators. She is an associate professor and coordinator of the graduate program in school library media at Longwood University. She is the author of two books, *Leverage Your Library Program to Help Raise Test Scores* and *Your Library Goes Virtual*.

CAROLYN J. HAAG of Weaverville, N.C., and Nicholas are enjoying the passive solar house they built and are looking forward to their next project – edible landscaping.

DR. CATHERINE SLUSHER of Harrisonburg, Va., has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell to a four-year term on the Virginia Board of Health. She earned her medical degree from Marshall University's School of Medicine and is a staff physician at Harrisonburg OB/GYN Associates.

1981

PAT CHEEKS of Broadway, Va., has started a coaching and consulting business working with transitions in people's lives. She works with health, work, personal and developmental challenges. Her website is patcheeks.com.

1983

RANDALL BLEDSOE of Charlottesville, Va., director of patient financial services for Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Centers in Richmond, Va., recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must pass a comprehensive examination, meet academic and experiential criteria, earn continuing education credits and demonstrate professional and community involvement.

The CrossRoads board of directors has announced that **JOAN LAWRENCE DAGGETT** of Bridgewater, Va., has been named executive director of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center. Most recently, she was associate district executive of the Shenandoah District of the Church of the Brethren. She has a B.A. in theology from Bethany Theological Seminary. In 2008, she completed a certificate in nonprofit management from North Park University. She is an ordained minister and served as pastor of the Daleville Church of the Brethren from 1989-92 and director of Christian education at Tryon Presbyterian Church from 1994-97. For the past four years, she has served on the CrossRoads marketing team.

1985

DR. DONALD DOUGHERTY, the William and Marguerite Wurzbach Distinguished Professor and director of the neurobehavioral research division within the department of psychiatry at The University of

Texas in San Antonio (UTSA), gave a lecture as part of the university's Spring 2011 speaker series. His presentation was "Conceptualization and Measurement of Impulsivity and its Relationship to Psychiatric Disorders." His research is on impulsive behavior with a primary emphasis on problems associated with drug abuse and suicidality. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and has done post-doctoral training at the University of Michigan and the UTSA.

1988

PEGGY NEHER JENKINS was recognized with State University of New York (SUNY) Canton's Northstar Award during its commencement ceremony on May 21. She annually orchestrates the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at the college, which helps low- to moderate-income individuals and families prepare their taxes. Through her involvement, student participation in the program has tripled. A certified public accountant, Peggy received her master of business administration from Penn State University.

1989

DR. GREGORY N. ECHOYD from Moseley, Va., earned his doctorate in education leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University on May 21.

1990

In June, **CANDACE CAHALL KIMMETT** of Fishersville, Va., was appointed as assistant principal at Waynesboro High School. She earned a master in science education with an administration concentration from Shenandoah University. She joined Waynesboro Public Schools in 1991 as a health and physical education instructor at Kate Collins Middle School and later moved to the Waynesboro High School faculty in 2000.

CATHERINE WARWICK has been named principal of St. Paul Catholic School in New Bern, N.C. The school has 160 students from age three through the eighth grade. Except for a brief time substituting in public schools, she has been a Catholic school educator.

1991

JODIE STOCK and Paul Ostoich were married May 22. Jodie is executive director of Religious Effort to Assist and Care for the Homeless Inc. in Hagerstown, Md. The couple lives in Greencastle, Pa.

THE REV. DR. JEFF CARTER, senior pastor of Manassas Church of the Brethren, gave the opening invocation for the U.S. Senate on April 7. He was nominated by Virginia Senator Jim Webb and was accepted as a guest chaplain by the Rev. Dr. Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

1995

CAROLYN ANDERSON BARRETT of Ruckersville, Va., teaches Spanish full time at William Monroe High School in Stanardsville, Va. For the past two years, she has led field hockey clinics for students in grades three through eight under Greene County Parks and Recreation.

AARON GARBER (See page 32.)

1996

CARA ZIMMERMAN WALTON of Harrisonburg, Va., received an M.A. in ancient/classical history from the American Public University System on May 15.

1997

Since July 2009, **CHRIS BRYANT** of Port Republic, Va., has served as principal of Bessie Weller Elementary School in Staunton, Va.

1998

OLIVIA DIDAWICK HUTTON of Woodstock, Va., has been named a principal with Yount, Hyde & Barbour

PC, a certified public accounting and business consulting firm. She is responsible for strategic growth initiatives as well as providing leadership and mentoring to the audit and tax teams. Her focus is on providing financial reporting services to nonprofit organizations, especially private schools, colleges, universities and foundations.

MARY ELSEBETH "BETSY"

MORTON and Jeffrey David Wirick were married July 9. Betsy earned a master of science in school library media from McDaniel College and is a library media specialist at Hampstead Elementary School. The couple lives in Westminster, Md.

KRISTA KERNS SHONK and **NATHAN D. SHONK '99** have their first child, a son, Emerson Douglas, born April 30. The family lives in Oakton, Va.

1999

LISA UTTERBACK HIGGINS and William have a daughter, Virginia "Ryleigh," born June 23. The family lives in Gainesville, Va.

HOLLY CALDWELL RATWANI, an associate professor of business administration at BC, has been named to the "Top 5 Under 35" list presented by *Disclosures*, the bimonthly magazine of the Virginia Society of Certified Professional Accountants. She was recognized for her "outstanding leadership" and advancement in accounting, as well as for her community support. She is involved in the VSCPA Blue Ridge chapter, serves as treasurer of the Bridgewater Rotary Club and is president of the board of directors for the Augusta Health Care Credit Union.

NATHAN D. SHONK (see Krista Kerns Shonk '98).

2000

SARA MILLER LAMKIN and Stuart have their second son, Silas Ethan, born June 3. The family lives in Macon, Ga.

DEANNA RENEE SHERMAN and Stewart Ralph Lam were married June 25. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va., where Deanna works for the city.

2001

STACEY FORMWALT KOWALSKI and Michael have twins, a daughter, Vivian Judith and a son, Maxwell Arthur, born June 18. The family lives in Catonsville, Md.

CHRISTINA RIGNEY MYERS and **TRAVIS MYERS '04** have a son, Carter Brett, born March 16. The family lives in Bridgewater, Va.

JAIME HUFFER PENNEY and Chip, have their second daughter, Sophia Marie, born May 18. Jaime is Bridgewater Fund coordinator at BC. The family lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

2002

On May 21, **JOHN ALMARODE** received a doctor of education from the University of Virginia. In the fall of 2011, he joined the faculty at James Madison University as assistant professor of education. He also has written a children's book *Dylan Discovers His Brain*, which is available on Amazon.com.



JEFFREY W. and **WENDY CAMPBELL CARR** have a son, Gabriel Malcom, born May 28, 2009. The family lives in Bridgewater, Va.

SARAH HOLSINGER has been named the director of basketball operations for the University of Virginia Cavaliers women's basketball team. Previously, she was director of basketball operations at the University of California. She earned a master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in sports administration and coaching from James Madison University in May 2004.

DR. RYAN KEEBAUGH of Stephens

City, Va., and the Clarke County High School Chamber Choir, which he directs, has been invited to participate in the 2012 National Festival of the States Concert Series in New York City. The choir was nominated by Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins, the Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of Music at BC. Ryan has a master of music from Shenandoah University and a doctor of musical arts from The Catholic University of America. He is the 2010-11 artist-in-residence with Winchester Musica Viva.

On June 15, **SUSAN CHAPMAN STARKEY** and her husband, Patrick, were featured on NBC's *The Today Show* for their work as foster parents at Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos (The House of Hope for Children) in Houston. The couple is completing a one-year term with Brethren Volunteer Service.

2003

TOMMY CERVA and Meredith have a son, Jacob, born Aug. 28, 2010. The family lives in Concord, N.C.

In June, **DR. JENNIE DRAPER** of Richmond, Va., completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She has joined the practice of Virginia Physicians for Women in Richmond.

AMBER DRUMHELLER and Chad Mooney have a daughter, Avery Anne, born Aug. 31, 2010. The family lives in Madison Heights, Va.

LAURA BOYD FARMER and Will have a daughter, Violet Whitney, born April 24. The family lives in Roanoke, Va.

KEVIN and **JENNIFER HAWK FLORA '04** have a son, Stephen Karl, born March 17. The family lives in Reston, Va.

RACHEL MILLER and Henry Wolfe were married Dec. 24, 2010. The couple lives in Culpeper, Va.

PAUL FIKE STUTZMAN and **KAREN ALTICE STUTZMAN '05** have a son, Joshua Bryce, born April

26. In January, Paul published an expanded version of his master's thesis, *Recovering the Love Feast: Broadening our Eucharistic Celebrations*, with Wipf and Stock Publishers. The family lives in Rocky Mount, Va.

2004

BRET C. COLBERT and Allison Nicole Haines were married June 18. Bret is offensive coordinator at St. Vincent College where his father, Bob, is head coach. The couple lives in Greensburg, Pa.

JENNIFER HAWK FLORA (see Kevin Flora '03).

KATHRYN PHILLIPS HIGGINS and Jason have a daughter, Emma Leigh Addisyn, born May 26. The family lives in Stuarts Draft, Va.

TRAVIS MYERS (see Christina Rigney Myers '01).

EMILY JEAN NORTH and Julian Michael Catron were married April 16. Emily works for Warren County Public Schools. The couple lives in Luray, Va.

HEATHER RIGNEY WILHARM and Robert have their second daughter, Mackenzie Rae, born Feb. 17. The family lives in Dayton, Va.

2005

DAVID COLE HEATWOLE and **SARAH DANIELLE DYE '07** were married May 21. David earned a master's degree from Virginia Tech and works for the Harrisonburg City Public Schools. Sarah received a master's degree from the University of Mary Washington and is employed by Rockingham County Public Schools. The couple lives in Broadway, Va.

RACHEL B. MANSPEAKER has been named an assistant professor of mathematics at Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. She earned an M.S. in mathematics from Kansas State University.

In May, **JUSTIN PRUETT** graduated from the Roger Williams University

School of Law in Bristol, RI. He is a member of the BC Experience strategic planning committee.

KAREN ALTICE STUTZMAN (see Paul Fike Stutzman '03).

DOUGLAS VEAL is serving as pastor of Daleville Church of the Brethren in Daleville, Va.

2006

JOEL and **RACHEL ELLER BREMNER '07** have a daughter, Moriah Grace, born June 19. The family lives in Roanoke, Va.

KATHERINE HEATH has been promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director of admission at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va.

MELISSA LYONS and Brent Johnson were married May 21. Melissa is a social worker for Talbot County Public Schools. The couple lives in Hebron, Md.

CLAY and **BRITTNI STOVER SHIFLET '07** have a son, Berkley Preston, born April 7. Clay works for Rockingham County Fire and Rescue and Brittini is a teacher with Shenandoah County Public Schools. The family, which includes a daughter, Kennedy Grace, lives in Dayton, Va.

2007

RACHEL ELLER BREMNER (See Joel Bremner '06).

SARAH DANIELLE DYE (See David Cole Heatwole '05).

KAITIE NULTY SAUNDERS was named Teacher of the Year at Spotswood Elementary School in Harrisonburg, Va. Kaitie teaches fourth grade and is married to **JASON SAUNDERS**, human resources assistant at BC. The couple lives in Staunton, Va.

BRITTNI STOVER SHIFLET (see Clay Shiflet '06).

2008

KATE AUSTIN and Kyle Stauffer were married April 30. Kate is pursuing a doctor of veterinary medicine

degree from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. The couple lives in Grottoes, Va.

C. J. CANIGLIA, a veterinary student at North Carolina State University has received two scholarships, the Pfizer Animal Health for \$2,500 and the American Association of Equine Practitioners Race for Education Winner's Circle Scholarship. The latter is awarded to students who exhibit leadership among their peers and a passion for equine medicine.

In May, **TIM PRIBISCO** of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., graduated *cum laude* with a juris doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law.

DANIEL REED received a master's degree in legislative affairs from The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management.

SCOTT ROBERT RUEBUSH and Michelle Lynn Taylor were married May 21. Scott is employed by Virginia Eagle Distributing. The couple lives in Verona, Va.

2009

SARA E. EDWARDS of Glen Allen, Va., was recently hired by Hanover County Public Schools to teach special education at Lee Davis High School. She is also a certified athletic trainer at Virginia Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy in Richmond, Va.

MEAGAN A. HICKS of Penn Laird, Va., has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, she completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations," designed to take the recruits through practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

EMILY LOUISE KIBLER and Phillip "Jay" Barnes were married June 18. Emily teaches family and consumer sciences at Signal Knob

Middle School. The couple lives in Strasburg, Va.

BRANDON and **AMANDA NEL-LING LEE** have bought their first house in Roanoke, Va.

KEVIN MATHEW MCDONALD and **CRISTAL NATASHA REESE** were married July 30. Cristal is assistant director of admissions at Bridgewater College. The couple lives in Bridgewater, Va.

KARA SHOWALTER earned a master's degree in Spanish with a concentration in linguistics from Middlebury (Vt.) College. She teaches Spanish at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Del. She recently spent a year in Madrid, Spain.

2010

EMILY CAMPBELL began her first full year of teaching sixth-grade English at Rustburg Middle School. She is also pursuing a master's degree at Lynchburg College.

NICHOLAS SIRICA of Knoxville, Tenn., is a doctoral student in the department of physics at the University of Tennessee.

2011

MEGAN DOLAN MORRIS and Justin have a son, Emery Lane, born June 30. The family lives in Grottoes, Va.

TARA STIPE and Brandon Barnes were married June 25. Tara is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Memphis. The couple lives in Memphis, Tenn.

JENNIE MARIE WINSCHERL and Jordan Paul Diehl were married March 5. The couple lives in Baye, Va.



Garber Composes Theme Song for Rotary International

Aaron Garber, '95, of Salem, Va., recently was asked by Rotary International (RI) to compose a musical score to highlight this year's theme of "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity." The theme was unveiled at RI's international assembly in San Diego.

Garber, who grew up in Weyers Cave, Va., and majored in music at Bridgewater, is a well-known composer, performer and director whose work has been heard throughout the United States and abroad.

"It was a great honor to be chosen to write this year's musical theme for Rotary International," said Garber, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Salem. "Hopefully, my composition reflects the importance of this year's theme, and will be something people can take away with them when they've heard it."

Garber noted that the approximately 90-second theme will be used by RI until June 30, 2012. — CC

Memorials

DR. S. LOREN BOWMAN '34 of La Verne, Calif., died June 17, at the age of 98. He earned bachelor and doctor of divinity degrees from Bethany Theological Seminary (then Bethany Biblical Seminary) and did graduate work in religious education at the University of Pittsburgh. He served as general secretary of the Church of the Brethren from July 1968 until his retirement in December 1977. Before becoming general secretary, he spent 10 years as executive secretary of the Christian Education Commission. During that time, he worked with college administrators to establish Brethren Colleges Abroad (now BCA Study Abroad).

J. NELSON LISKEY '36 of Penn Laird, Va., died July 9, at the age of 97. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific, where he received numerous battle stars. Following his military service, he worked for the Farm Home Administration in Christiansburg, Va. In 1949, he joined the staff at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where he served as hospital administrator for 28 years. He also served on the board of Blue Cross Blue Shield, the board of the American Hospital Society and the Woodbine Cemetery board. He volunteered and did research for the Rockingham County Historical Society. He authored three books, *The Liskey Family Genealogy*, *The Civil War History of Rockingham County* and *The History of Woodbine Cemetery*. He was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church.

ROY C. PERDUE '36 of Charlotte, N.C., died May 1.

DR. RICHARD COFFMAN SHRUM '37 of Charlottesville, Va., died April 27, at the age of 95. He graduated from medical school at the University of Virginia in 1942. Following an internship at Walter Reed General

Hospital in Washington, D.C., he joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps serving initially at the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania, and later he served as a battalion surgeon with the 24th Infantry Division in the Philippines during the latter stages of World War II. He served in Japan during the early part of the occupation and was appointed division surgeon. He completed a residency in general surgery at the Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky., in 1951 and served as chief of the surgical service at the U.S. Army Hospital in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., from 1951 to 1954 and chief of the surgical service at 2nd Field Hospital in Munich, Germany, 1955 to 1956 when he resigned his commission in the regular Army. Taking a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve he resigned in 1975 with the rank of Colonel. Dr. Shrum was in solo private practice in general surgery in Charlottesville from 1956 until his retirement in 1985. He was on the staff at Martha Jefferson Hospital where he served as president of the medical staff and president of the board of trustees. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Charlottesville.

MARY NAFF LAYMAN '39 of Rocky Mount, Va., died June 17. She taught school in Franklin County for 35 years. She was a member of the Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers Sorority for Women Educators and served a two-year term as state chaplain and was a member of the scholarship committee. She was a member of Antioch Church of the Brethren, where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. In later years, she and her husband, the Rev. Frank B. Layman Jr. '59, enjoyed traveling in their motor home throughout the U.S. The couple also traveled to Nicaragua. Among her survivors is a daughter, Jeanette Layman Wright '66.

CARRIE HOLLEN SIMMONS '39 of Bridgewater, Va., died May 25, at the

age of 94. She was a bookkeeper at Turner Ashby High School retiring in 1981. She was a lifetime member of Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. Among her survivors is a daughter, Linda Simmons Williams '66 of Clinton, Md., and a son, Benjamin F. Simmons '63 of Hershey, Pa.

JACOB SAMUEL ZIGLER '39 of Bridgewater, Va., died July 31, at the age of 94. After graduating from Bridgewater, he continued his education at Virginia Tech and began teaching in Brownsburg, Va., before moving to Carroll County, Md., where he taught math and vocational agriculture. He retired as guidance counselor at the Carroll County, Md., Vocational Technical School. He served on the Bridgewater College board of trustees and on the Bridgewater Healthcare Foundation board. He was a member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and the Rockingham Male Chorus. He is survived by his wife, the former Leah Flora '39. Also among his survivors is a daughter, Jane Zigler Fulk '69 of Bridgewater, and a son, J. Samuel Zigler Jr. '68 of Middletown, Md.

AUNDRIA NEWTON WILSON '41 of Roanoke, Va., died May 23, at the age of 90. She was a member of Peters Creek Church of the Brethren for 56 years and sang in the church choir.

DR. LAWRENCE S. MILLER '42 of Kingwood, W.Va., died July 27, at the age of 90. He earned his M.D. degree from the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. After completing an internship at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond, he returned to active duty in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, having served four years in the Army during and following World War II. He then spent a year in a general surgery residency at the Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, and then three more years in orthopedic surgery residency at MCV

and Crippled Children's Hospital in Richmond. In 1952, he moved to Morgantown, W.Va., and helped set up an orthopedic clinic that later became Morgantown Orthopedic Associates. He was president of the group of seven board-certified surgeons until his retirement in 1987. He was associated with West Virginia University Hospital from its opening until his retirement and was clinical professor of orthopedic surgery. He was a member of numerous medical associations and, in 1993 the West Virginia State Orthopedic Society honored him as the Outstanding Orthopedist in West Virginia. He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Kingwood and St. James United Methodist Church in Sarasota, Fla. In 2006, Miller and his wife established the Lawrence S. and Carmen C. Miller Chair of Ethics at Bridgewater College. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carmen. Also among his survivors are two brothers, the Rev. Myron S. Miller '47 of Richmond, Va., and Charles E. Miller '48 of Bridgewater, Va., and two sisters, Kathryn Miller Roche '53 of Bridgewater, and Mary Ellen Miller Phibbs '45 of Glendale, Calif.

ELLIS H. TEETS '42 of Eggon, W.Va., died June 7, at the age of 91. He was drafted as a conscientious objector during World War II. He was a dairy farmer for many years before retiring and he was a bus driver for Preston County Schools. He was an active member of the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren for most of his life. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marie. Also among his survivors are two daughters, Mary Teets Shepherd '72, of Evergreen, Colo., and Martha Teets Reish '78, of Harrisonburg, Va.

MARY RYAN WHITE GRAHAM '43 of Bridgewater, Va., died May 22, at the age of 89. In 1945, she married her BC classmate, Bruce, who preceded her in death. Together they lived in Blacksburg, Va., Seattle and Fairfax, Va., while Bruce was with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In

retirement, they lived in the Philippines and in Thailand before moving to the Bridgewater Retirement Community. She loved music and played the piano and sang in choirs. As a young woman, she served as organist at Bridgewater United Methodist Church. She was an active member of United Methodist Women.

HOWARD K. BROWN JR. '45 of Washington, D.C. and Martinsburg, W.Va., died April 6. He was 87. He was employed by the Library of Congress for 49 years. He served on the Consistory at Christ Reformed United Church of Christ in Martinsburg and Grace Reformed UCC in Washington, D.C. He enjoyed playing bridge and traveling in Europe.

CHARLES M. ROLLER '45 of Bridgewater, Va., died May 1, at the age of 87. His lifelong love was flying small aircraft. He was an avid and passionate contributor to the aviation community of Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, the former Kathryn Eller '46.

VELMA JOHNSON BANE '48 of Burlington, W.Va., died Aug. 23, at the age of 95. She attended Bridgewater College and Shepherd College and was formerly employed as an elementary school teacher. She was a member of Harness Run Church of the Brethren. She is survived by her husband of nearly 64 years, William W. Bane Jr. '41. Also among her survivors is a daughter, Amy Johnson Ludwick '71 of Burlington.

GERALD E. FAWLEY SR. '49 of Bridgewater, Va., died June 8, at the age of 94. He served in the U.S. Army for five years during World War II and was commissioned as captain and was company commander of Company "B" of the 702nd Military Police Battalion. At age 19, he was employed as a clerk and team leader

for the Civilian Conservation Corps, Company 5455, in Fulks Run, Va. After the company was disbanded, he worked as a forestry technician and assistant to the district ranger in the USDA U.S. Forest Service, serving in the Dry River, Deerfield and Pedlar ranger districts. In 1955, he began a career as an investigator with the U.S. Civil Service Commission, eventually transferring to the Social Security Administration, where he completed his federal service career as the district manager in the Staunton district office. He was a district director of the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ethel. Also among his survivors are two sons, Jerry Fawley Jr. '66 of Mount Crawford, Va., and Rick Fawley '71 of Bridgewater, Va., and a daughter, Joy Fawley Hogshead '74 of Parnassus, Va.

DONALD V. BOWMAN '50 of Dayton, Va., died June 5, at the age of 82. He served in the U.S. Army from January 1952 to January 1954. He spent most of his life working in the heating and cooling industry, beginning in 1954 at the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Verona, Va., and retiring from the same site in 1994 from McQuay International. During this time, he also worked short periods for Dunham-Bush Inc. in Harrisonburg, Va., and the York (Pa.) division of Borg-Warner Corp. He served on the Dayton Town Council from 1996 to 2000 and was the Dayton representative to the Regional Sewer Authority. He was a member of Dayton United Methodist Church. During retirement, he enjoyed studying genealogy, local history and environmental issues. He is survived by his wife, Doris.

MARY KATHERINE "KAKIE" COOK PHIBBS '53 of Pulaski, Va., died July 29, at the age of 92. She

had previously been employed by Northwood Elementary School, Radford Arsenal and Jefferson Mills. She was a member of the First Church of the Brethren in Pulaski. Among her survivors is a daughter, Peggy Phibbs Metz '63 of Denton, N.C.

REBECCA DAWN CUNNINGHAM BULLE '55 of Grottoes, Va., died July 23, at the age of 79. She retired from General Electric in Waynesboro, Va. An active member of Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church, she was an elder and served on many committees. She was a volunteer at the Augusta Health Cancer Center and Sunnyside Retirement Community.

NOAH K. KOONTZ '59 of Westerville, Ohio, died July 6, following a short illness. He was 78. He was a Korean War veteran and was retired from Ranco/Invensys. He enjoyed traveling and was an avid Buckeye fan. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Elaine. Also among his survivors is a sister, Gertrude Koontz Hammer '52 of Elkton, Va.

LOIS HARTMAN WEBB '59 of Bel Air, Md., died June 1, at the age of 74. She taught second grade in the Harford County Public Schools for three-and-a-half years. She served as a deacon in her church, enjoyed traveling and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer. She was an avid quilter and taught needlecrafts. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Ronald. Also among her survivors is a sister, Loretta Hartman Lohr '58 of Easton, Md.

DOLORES "DEE" RUDOLPH EBERSOLE '64 of Woodstock, Va., died Feb. 8, at the age of 68. After graduating from BC, she served in the Peace Corps for two years in Venezuela. She earned a master's degree at the University of Virginia and worked in the Shenandoah

County Public Schools until her retirement. She was an elementary school teacher, high-school guidance counselor and high-school gifted program coordinator. She is survived by her husband, Harold Z. Ebersole '64.

GWENDOLYN POWELL THOMPSON '69 of Locust Grove, Va., died June 18, after a six-year fight with cancer. She was a middle school teacher. Several times she served as president of the Paynes Farm Homeowners Association. She is survived by her husband, Tommy.

RODNEY A. MINOR '75 of Womelsdorf, Pa., died May 17, at the age of 57. He earned a master of divinity from Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, Pa., and served as a pastor with the United Brethren in Christ denomination. He was a referee for the Shippensburg Youth Basketball League and an umpire for Shippensburg Little League. He served as a basketball camp counselor at Rhodes Grove Camp and was a member of Huntington's Support Group.

MARK WILLIAM SHANER '83 of Lexington, Va., died May 16, at the age of 50. He and his brother were the sixth-generation owners of Shaner's Greenhouses. He was a life member of Manly Memorial Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie, and two children.

GINA L. POPP '86 of Alexandria, Va., died Jan. 14, at the age of 46.

DR. W. DONALD CLAGUE '41, a former teacher and dean of students at Bridgewater College, died March 22, at Hillcrest Homes in La Verne, Calif. He was 90.

He was born Nov. 29, 1920, to Allen and Pearl Clague in Mobile, Ala.

After graduating from Bridgewater College in 1941, Clague continued with graduate work in chemistry at Columbia University before earning a master's in guidance and counseling and an Ed.D. in higher education, psychology and science education from the University of Virginia.

Clague taught chemistry, psychology and education at Bridgewater from 1943-66 and served as the college's dean of students from 1948-66.

In 1966, Clague moved to California where he accepted the position of dean of graduate studies at La Verne College (now University of La Verne). In December 1986, he retired as executive vice president and chief academic officer from the university. In 1985, he was recognized by the University of La Verne as Community Builder of the Year.

Active in the community, Clague served on the Berkeley Unified School District board, was active in the Chamber of Commerce and named its Manager of the Year in 1985. He was honored as LaVerne's Citizen of the Year in 1988.

An ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, Clague has served as a district moderator and on the denomination's General Board.

His wife of 62 years, Betty, struggled for 40 years with multiple sclerosis. In 1998, the couple moved into Hillcrest Homes where he became her principle caregiver until her death in 2005.

Clague is survived by a son, Donald Jr. "Skip," and a daughter, Gayle. Also among his survivors is a brother, Dr. Allen Clague '50, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Gifts in Clague's memory may be sent to Bridgewater College or to the Doctorate in Education Fund at the University of LaVerne.

HENRY C. IKENBERRY JR., a 1942 graduate of Bridgewater College and an honorary member of the college's board of trustees, died June 1 at his home in Chevy Chase, Md. He was 91.

He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law where he was associate editor of *The Law Review*, a member of the Order of the Coif and The Raven Society.

Ikenberry was a former chairman and for many years a member of the executive committee of the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson. He joined the firm as an associate when the Washington office was established. The firm gained national and international prominence.

He served on the board of trustees and executive committee of Mary Baldwin College and was a life member of the dean's council of the UVA School of Law.

In 1944, during World War II, he was appointed commanding officer of USS PCE 873 at the age of 24. He was honorably released from the U.S. Navy after the war with the rank of lieutenant commander.

He was devoted to his family and to Pine Lodge, his beloved home on the Miles River in Easton, Md., and to the importance of good formal education as well as the life-long pursuit of learning. He was an avid reader, historian, traveler, sailor and fly fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, the former Margaret Henry, '42, and two daughters, Cathy Fawell of Washington, D.C., and Peggy Rauck of Daleville, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry C. & Margaret H. Ikenberry Endowed Scholarship Fund which the couple established in 1997 at Bridgewater College or to the University of Virginia Law School Foundation in Charlottesville, Va.

RAY A. NEFF '50

Ray A. Neff, 87, of Marshall, Ill., died Sept. 29 at Burnsides Community Health Center in Marshall. He was born Jan. 23, 1924, at Prince William County, Va., the son of Charles Neff and Elizabeth Runion Neff. He married Augusta Kossman on Dec. 19, 1948, in Baltimore. A 1950 alumnus of Bridgewater College, he was a professor emeritus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute. He was a holder of several patents and was an author and historian of the Civil War. Neff also was a 1944-45 veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are his wife, Augusta; two sons, Charles Frederick (Stacy) Neff of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Robert Neff of Marshall; and four grandsons, Ryan, Patrick, Alexander and Sean. He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.



First Dance

This photograph comes from **Millard Fillmore Kershner '57**, of Longwood, Fla. It shows the entertainment at Bridgewater College's very first dance, which was held in the spring of 1954. Kershner notes: "I'm the guy doing my best impression of 'Frankie.'" Kershner said since it was "rather difficult" to get the college's administrators to agree to a dance, the event was held in the afternoon between 2 and 6 p.m., rather than at night. Everyone, he noted, "had a ball." If anyone knows the identity of the young woman playing the piano, hidden behind the balloons, please email the editor of *Bridgewater* magazine at: cculbert@bridgewater.edu. —CC



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DANIELLE EUBANK
TOLLEY '08



MELVIN WILLIAMS '95

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